CHESS NOTES 2025

RETI OPENING (A09)
200 ANNOTATED GAMES

A09

□ **Gukesh,D** **2783**

■ **Ding Liren** **2728**

WCh 2024 Singapore SIN (11.1) 08.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.a3N

[5.Bb2 dxe3 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bf6 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 Bovay,J-Jachs,W Saint Petersburg 81/145 2019 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] ½-½ (40) 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kg4 38.Rf1 Kg5 39.Rfc1 Kg4 40.Rf1 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

5...Bg4 6.exd4 cxd4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 The position is equal. **8...Qc7 9.d3** -0.31/4

[9.c5= 0.07/6]

9...a5!∓ 10.b5 Nbd7 11.g3 Nc5 With the idea ...Nb3. **12.Bg2 Nfd7** 0.16/3

[⌓12...e5 -0.26/4]

13.0-0!= Ne5 Pair of Knights! **14.Qf4 Rd8 15.Rd1 g6** 0.06/5

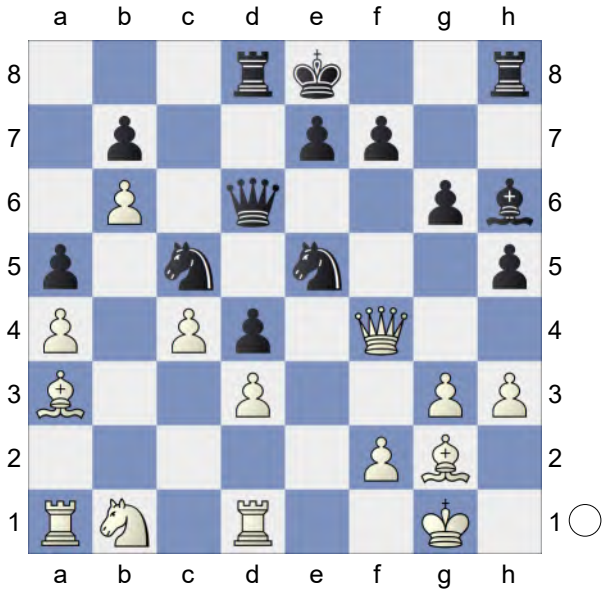
[15...g5∓ -0.50/3 16.Qxg5 Nexd3]

16.a4 h5 Black wants to play ...Bh6.

17.b6! Qd6 0.14/2

[17...Qb8!∓ -0.34/3 deserves consideration. 18.Ba3 Nexd3]

18.Ba3! Bh6



19.Bxc5! Qxc5 20.Qe4 Nc6 21.Na3 Rd7 0.73/5

[21...0-0= 0.27/2]

22.Nc2 0.39/5

[22.Qe2± 0.73/5]

22...Qxb6± 23.Rab1 Qc7 24.Rb5! White has compensation. **24...0-0 25.Na1** -0.21/3

[Better is 25.Rdb1± 0.55/1 Rb8 26.Qe1]

25...Rb8 0.48/4

[Black should play 25...e5= -0.21/3]

26.Nb3 e6 1.08/4

[26...e5± 0.48/4]

27.Nc5± Re7 28.Rdb1 0.54/18 &Bianco is more active.

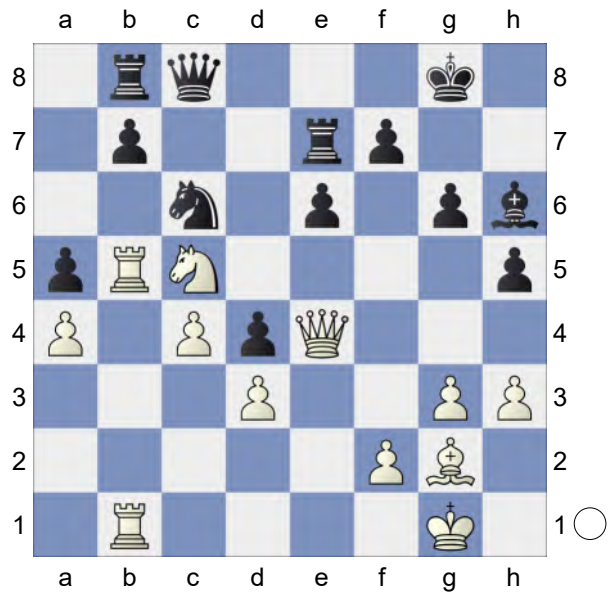
[28.Nxb7!± 0.91/1 Rxb7 29.Qxc6 Qxc6 30.Bxc6]

28...Qc8 4.34/18

[28...f5? 29.Qh4 Kf7 30.Nxb7+-]

[28...Nb4!± 0.54/18]

(Diagram)



29.Qxc6!! Pin.
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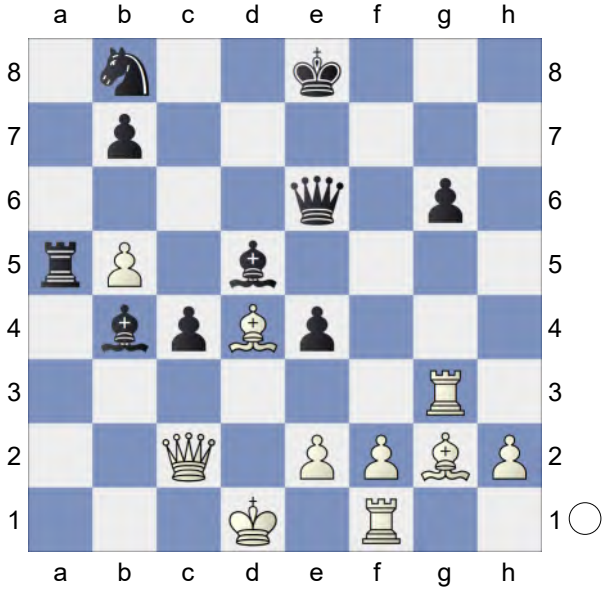
1-0

A09

☐ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
■ **Paravyan,D** **2620**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.2) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 h5N
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien 2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58) Nf8 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bf5 Nh5 25.Nf1 Nd7 26.Qd1 Ra8 27.a3 b6 28.Nh3 Ra7 29.Re2 Nf8 30.Rh2 Qe7 31.g4 Nf4 32.Ng3 Nxh3 33.Rxh3 Ne6 34.Rh2 Rf8 35.Qf1 7.♗e2 e6 8.h3 (2438)-Weber,S (2425) Washington 2020 CYB 12 [FS 1972 p36?] 1-0 (58)]
[5...Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.b5! h4 0.34/16
[7...Bg4= -0.04/19 feels stronger.]
8.Nxh4± White is slightly better. **8...e5 9.d3 e4 10.dxe4** 0.00/21
[10.Bg2!± 0.57/18]
10...Rxh4!= 11.gxh4 Nxe4 12.Bg2 -0.60/17
[12.Nd2= 0.00/21 Nxf2 13.Kxf2 Qxh4+ 14.Kg1 Qg5+ 15.Kf2 *(15.Bg2? Bh3-+)* 15...Qh4+ 16.Kg1 Qg5+ 17.Kf2 *(17.Bg2? Bh3-+)* 17...Qh4+]
12...Qxh4∓ 13.Rf1 f5 0.61/18
[Black should play 13...Bf5= -0.27/20]
14.Qc2!± a6! 15.a4 Black must now prevent Nd2. **15...axb5** 1.15/20
[15...Be6!± 0.45/20]
16.cxb5± Be6 17.Nd2 Bd5 18.a5 0.40/16
[18.e3!± 0.84/18]
18...g6 0.91/19
[18...Nd7± 0.40/16]

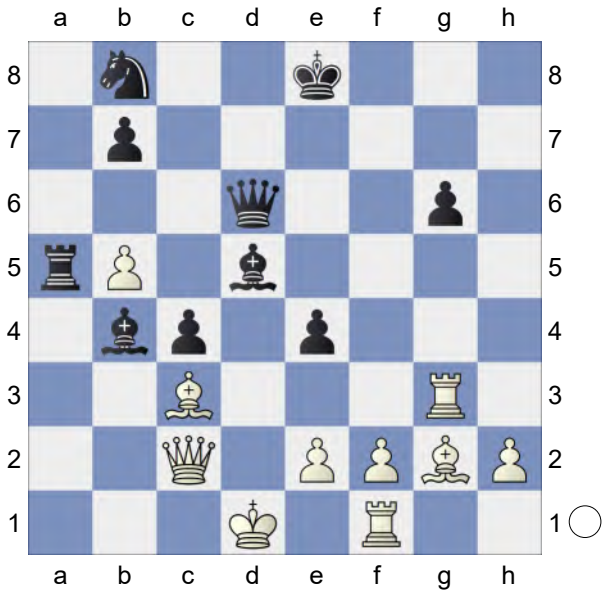
19.Ra3 c4 2.10/20
[19...Nd7± 0.78/17 keeps fighting.]
20.Rh3
[20.Nxc4 Bb4+ 21.Nd2 *(21.Kd1? Nxf2+ 22.Kc1 Bxg2-+)* 21...Bxd2+ 22.Kd1 Bc3 23.Bxe4 *(23.Bxc3? Nxc3+ 24.Rxc3 dxc3-+)* 23...Bxe4∓]
20...Qg4 21.Nxe4 1.15/16
[⌓21.Bxe4 1.60/22 fxe4 22.Rg3 Qxe2+ 23.Kxe2 d3+ 24.Kd1 dxc2+ 25.Kxc2]
21...fxe4 22.Rg3 Bb4+ 23.Kd1 Qe6 Strongly threatening ...c3. **24.Bxd4 Rxa5**



Hoping for ...c3! **25.Bc3** 0.81/18
[⌓25.Re3! 1.29/18 Qd6 26.Kc1 *(26.Bxe4 Be6±)* 26...Rxb5 27.Qa4 *(27.Bxe4 Ba3+ 28.Rxa3 Qxa3+ 29.Bb2 Qe7±)*]
25...Qd6 1.36/17
[⌓25...Rxb5 0.81/18 26.Bxb4 Rxb4]

(Diagram)

26.Kc1! Rxb5 2.80/16
[26...Ba3+± 1.57/16 27.Bb2 Nd7]
27.Bxb4+- Chess con chili. **27...Qxb4**



28.Bxe4 c3 29.Bxg6+ Ke7 Threatens to win with ...Qa3+. **30.Rxc3**
[But not 30.Qxc3? Rc5 31.Kd2 *(31.Re3+? Kd6-+)* 31...Rxc3 32.Rxc3 Nd7-+]
30...Nc6 31.Qd2 Qa4 (-> ...Qa1+)
32.Qe3+ 1.91/14
[⌓32.Qg5+ 3.26/17 Kd7 33.Bf5+ Kc7 34.Qg3+ Kb6 35.Qe3+ Kc7 36.Rd1]
32...Kf6? 4.55/16
[32...Be6 1.91/14]
33.Bc2 Qa1+ 34.Kd2 Qxf1 7.79/14
[⌓34...Qa5 5.12/15 35.Rg1 Bf7]
35.Qf4+ Ke7 36.Re3+ Be6 37.Qc7+ Kf6 38.Rf3+ Bf5 39.Bxf5 Intending Qd6+ and mate. **39...Ne5 40.Qd8+** White mates. **40...Kf7**

(Diagram)

41.Be6+! Kxe6
[41...Kg7 42.Qg5+]
42.Rf6#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.59
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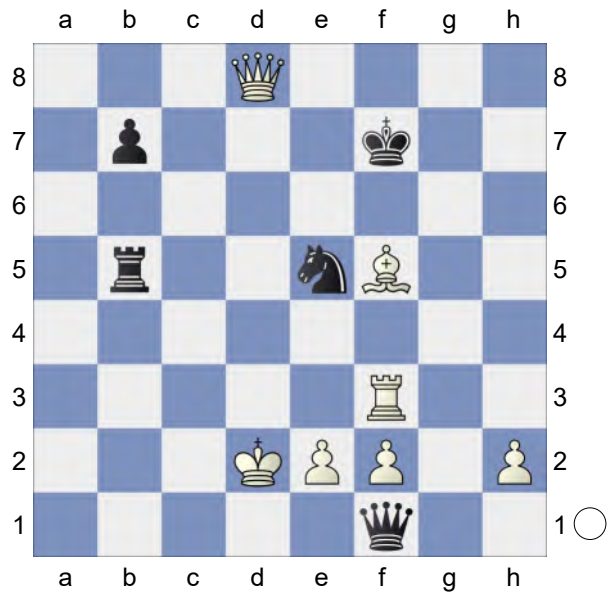

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□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2766**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2712**
Tashkent UzChess Masters (9) 14.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...a6N
[4...Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]
5.g3 e5 6.d3 -0.33/18
[6.Nxe5= 0.10/23 Bd6 7.Nf3]
6...Bd6∓ 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ra7 10.a4 b6 11.e4 g6 12.Kh1 Nh5 13.Ng1 Re7 0.10/16
[Black should play 13...Nd7∓ -0.57/15]
14.Ne2= a5 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 -0.17/19
[16.Nxf4± 0.34/21 Nxf4 17.gxf4]
16...f6 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Nfg1 Nd7 19.Nh3 Against g5 **19...Ree8 20.Ng3 Ng7 21.Ra2 Bb7 22.Re2 f5** 0.67/22
[22...Kh8= 0.26/19 was preferrable.]
23.Kg1 0.36/22
[⌓23.e5 0.67/22]
23...Be7 24.e5 Bxg2 25.Rxg2 Qb7 26.Rff2 Bh4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

A09

□ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2651**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2708**
CrunchLab Masters Div 2 W rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 a5
[5...Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw, John] ½-½]
6.b5 Nbd7N 0.25/26
[⌓6...Qc7! -0.07/22 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4

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7.Bg2 e5 8.d3 Bd6 9.Nbd2 h6 10.a4 Nf8 11.e3 Ng6 12.Qe2

[12.exd4 cxd4 13.Rc1 Bc5=]

12...0-0 13.e4 Bg4 14.h3 Be6 15.Kd1 Qd7 16.Kc2 Nh7 0.94/20

[16...Ne8± 0.55/17]

17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Bc1 b6 19.h4 Bg4

(Diagram)

20.Qf1! Ne7 21.Nh2 Be6 22.g4 0.28/20

[Better is 22.f4± 1.05/18]

22...Ng6=

[Much weaker is 22...Bxg4 23.Nxg4 Qxg4 24.Bh3∓]

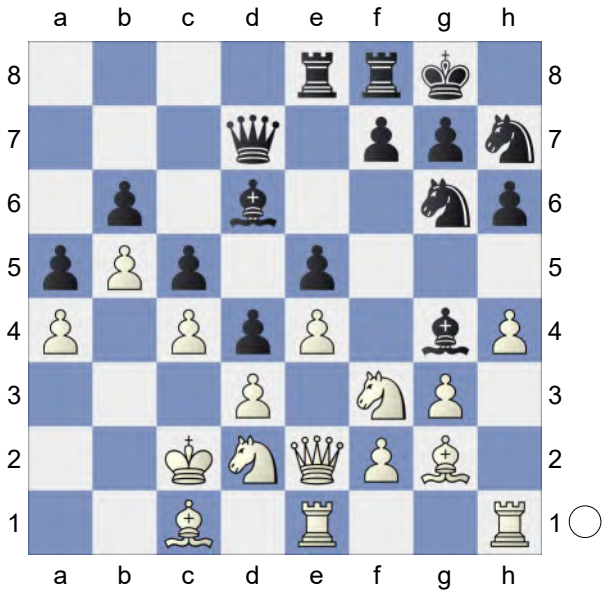
23.Ndf3 -0.15/16

[⌓23.g5 0.24/18]

23...f6 0.30/18

[⌓23...Bxg4 -0.15/16 24.Nxg4 Qxg4]

24.Bh3 Nf4 0.66/17



[24...Bc7= 0.23/18 is more appropriate.]

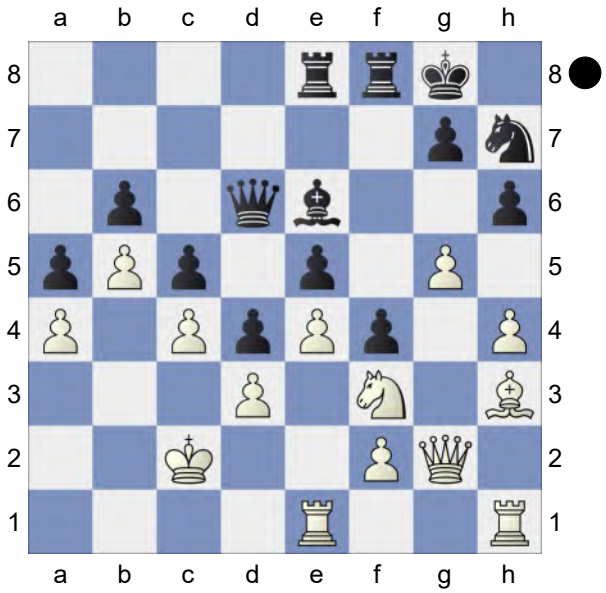
25.Bxf4± exf4 26.Qg2 0.06/18

[26.Bg2± 0.43/20]

26...Be5 0.51/18

[26...g5= 0.06/18 should be considered.]

27.Nxe5 fxe5 28.Nf3 Qd6 29.g5



gxh6 is the strong threat. **29...Bxh3 30.Rxh3** Strongly threatening gxh6.

[Reject 30.Qxh3 h5=]

30...h5 31.Nd2 0.04/21

[31.g6!± 0.67/24 Nf6 32.Qg5]

31...g6= The position is equal. **32.f3 Rf7 33.Rhh1 Nf8 34.Ra1 Qe6 35.Kb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

A09

□ **Gelfand,B** **2658**
■ **Navara,D** **2682**
CEZ Trophy CZE-ISR 2024 (2.1) 29.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

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1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
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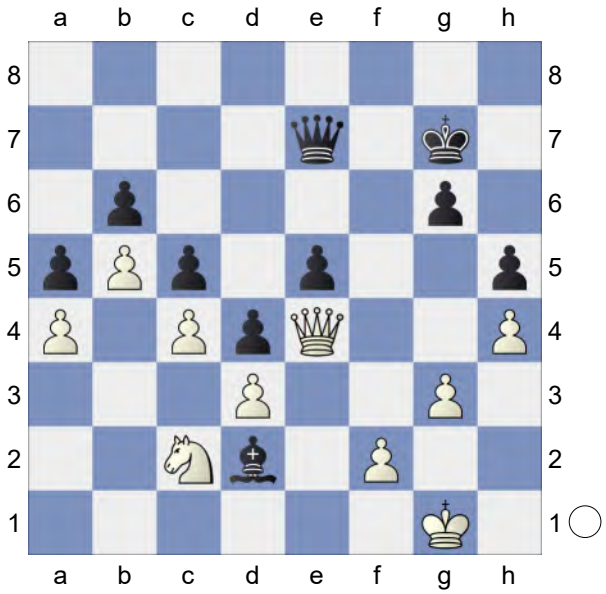
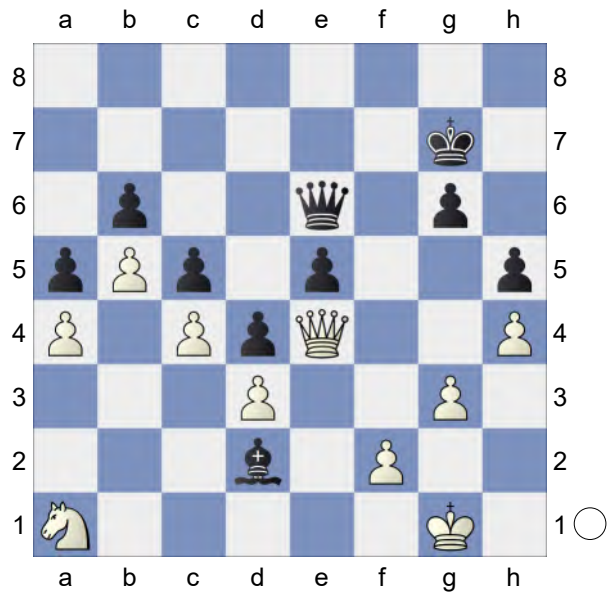
[⌓6...b6 -0.27/21]
7.a4= a5 8.Bg2 White is slightly better.
8...Ra7 9.Ra2 b6 10.0-0 Rd7 11.Rd2 Nh6! 12.e3 0-0 1.24/18
[12...dxe3!= 0.00/19 13.fxe3 Ng4]
13.exd4± exd4 14.Re2 Re8? 2.71/21
[14...f6± 1.13/20 was called for.]
15.Rfe1 1.35/19
[15.Bf4+- 2.71/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
15...Rde7 16.Bg5 0.80/16
[White should play 16.Bf4 1.32/19]
16...f6 17.Bf4 Rxe2 18.Rxe2 Rxe2 19.Qxe2 Nd7 20.Qe6+ Nf7 21.Qc6! Black must now prevent Bc7. **21...Nde5 22.Bxe5 fxe5**
[Less strong is 22...Nxe5 23.Nxe5 fxe5 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Be6 Bxe6 26.Qxe6±]
23.Nfd2 Bd7 24.Qb7 aiming for Bd5.
[Of course not 24.Qd5 Bg4=]
24...Bc8 25.Qc6 0.41/21 &Bianco is more active.
[25.Qa7!± 0.72/23]
25...Bd7 26.Qd5
[26.Qb7!?]
26...Bf5 Strongly threatening ...Qxd5.
27.Qf3 Nd6 28.Qe2 Qe7 29.Ne4 Bh6 0.76/20
[29...Nf7= 0.22/18 remains equal.]
30.h4 0.28/24
[30.Nxd6!± 0.76/20 Qxd6 31.Nd2]
30...Nxe4 31.Bxe4 Kg7 32.Na3 Bxe4 33.Qxe4 Bd2 34.Nc2 h5 0.93/25
[Better is 34...Qf6± 0.43/22]



35.Na1! Hoping for Nb3.
[Much worse is 35.f4?! Kf6=]
35...Qe6



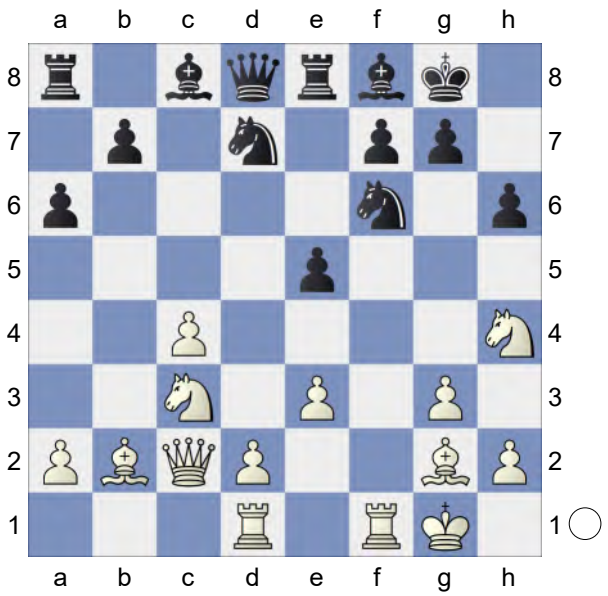
36.Nb3! Bb4 37.Nc1 0.60/21
[37.Qc6± 1.09/22 Qf6 38.Kg2]
37...Qg4 5.02/16
[37...Qf5± 0.60/21]
38.Qxe5++- White is clearly winning.
38...Kh7 39.Ne2 Bd2 40.Kg2 Inhibits Qf3+. **40...Qf5 41.Qxf5 gxf5 42.Kf3 Kg6 43.Nf4+ Kf6 44.Nd5+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

A09
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
World Blitz 2023 (21.10) 30.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

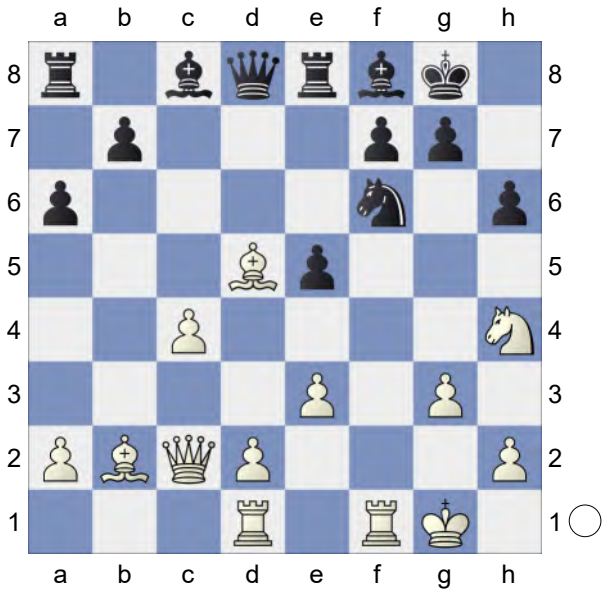
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Nbd7N 0.40/24
[5...Qc7= -0.01/19 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien 2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58) Nf8 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bf5 Nh5 25.Nf1 Nd7 26.Qd1 Ra8 27.a3 b6 28.Nh3 Ra7 29.Re2 Nf8 30.Rh2 Qe7 31.g4 Nf4 32.Ng3 Nxh3 33.Rxh3 Ne6 34.Rh2 Rf8 35.Qf1 7.♗e2 e6 8.h3 (2438)-Weber,S (2425) Washington 2020 CYB 12 [FS 1972 p36?] 1-0 (58)]
6.bxc5 e5 7.Bg2 Bxc5 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.e3! dxe3 10.fxe3 Re8**
[Don't take 10...Qb6 11.Qc2±]
11.Qc2 h6 12.Nc3! Bd6 0.44/21
[12...Bf8= 0.07/17 is superior.]
13.Nh4± a6 1.20/17
[Black should play 13...Bf8± 0.46/17]
14.Rad1± Bf8 1.50/18
[⌓14...Nb6 1.14/18]

(Diagram)

15.Nd5 0.57/17 &Bianco is much more



active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[15.d4!± 1.50/18]
15...Nxd5?? 4.16/17 This costs Black the game.
[15...a5!± 0.57/17]
16.Bxd5+-
[Stronger than 16.cxd5 Nf6=]
16...Nf6

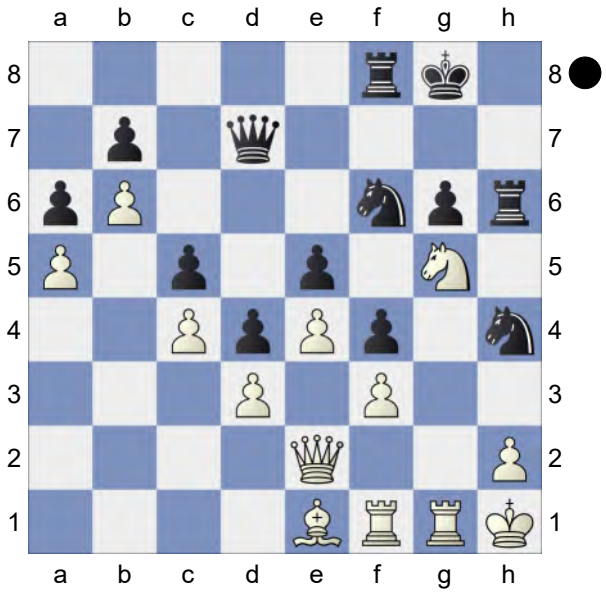


17.Rxf6 gxf6
[17...Qxf6 18.Rf1]
18.Qg6+! Bg7 ...Qxd5! is the strong threat. **19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Bxe8 Bh3 21.Bf7 Qd7 22.Bd5** Strongly threatening Be4. **22...Rc8 23.Be4 Kg8 24.Nf5 Rxc4 25.Bd5+** 5.94/18 **Kh8 26.Bxc4 Bxf5 27.Qf7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.79
1-0

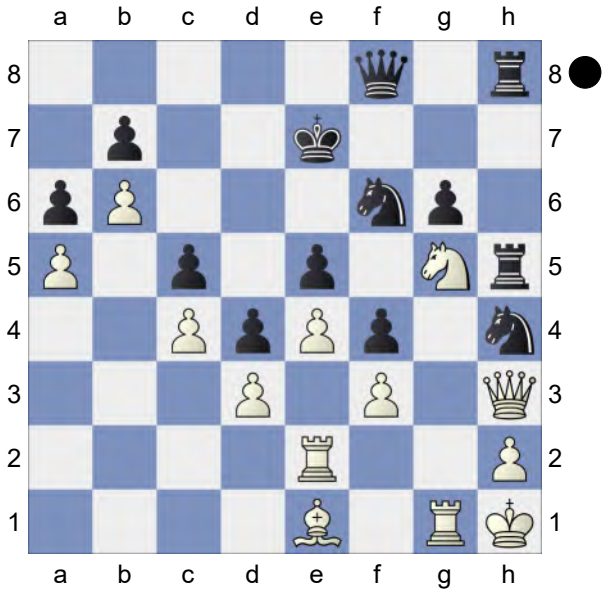
A09
□ **Mchedlishvili,Mikheil** **2574**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2724**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (8.1) 19.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0
[7.e3 is interesting. e4 8.Ng5 Bf5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.0-0]
7...Nc6
[7...cxb4 keeps more tension. 8.e3 dxe3 9.Bxe5 Qxc4 10.dxe3 Be7]
8.b5 The position is equal. **8...Ne7 9.d3 Ng6 10.e3 Be7 11.Re1N**
[11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 h5 23.Nb3 Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6 25.Ke2 Bd6 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½ 26.Rg1 f6 27.a6 b6 28.Raf1 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rh8 30.Bd2 h4 ½-½ (30) Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw,John]]
11...0-0 12.a4 Bf5 13.a5 Rad8 14.e4 Bd7 15.Bc1 a6 16.b6 Qc8 17.Nbd2 h6 18.Kh1 -0.45/17
[18.h4= -0.07/19 might be stronger.]
18...Bh3 0.30/18
[18...Bd6∓ -0.45/17]
19.Ng1 -0.13/17

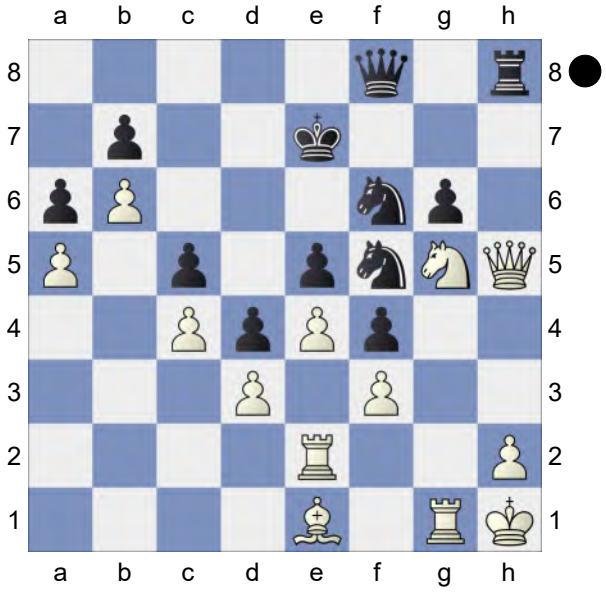
[⩲19.Bxh3 0.30/18 Qxh3 20.Ng1]
19...Bxg2+ 20.Kxg2 Qe6 21.Rf1 Nd7 22.Qe2 Bg5 23.Nh3 Bxd2 24.Bxd2 f5 25.f3 -0.72/18
[25.exf5!± 0.32/17 keeps the upper hand. Rxf5 26.f3]
25...f4∓ 26.Be1 -0.90/17
[26.Ng1∓ -0.59/19]
26...Nf6 -0.58/17
[Black should try 26...Ne7∓ -0.90/17]
27.Nf2 -0.91/17
[27.Ng1∓ -0.58/17]
27...h5 -0.46/19 &Nero is more active.
[27...Rd7∓ -0.91/17]
28.Bd2∓ Nh7 29.Rg1 Rf6 30.Raf1 Rdf8 31.g4 -1.86/24
[Better is 31.Kh1∓ -0.45/20]
31...Nh4+-+ 32.Kh1 Rh6 33.Nh3 -1.69/21 Inhibits Ng5.
[33.g5∓ -1.13/21 is a better defense. Rg6 34.Nd1 Rxg5 35.Be1]
33...hxg4 34.Rxg4 Nf6 35.Ng5 Qd7 36.Rgg1 g6 37.Be1



Kg7! 38.Rf2 Rfh8 39.Qf1 -2.19/19
[⩲39.Qb2 -1.61/18]
39...Rh5 40.Rd2 Kf8 41.Ra2 Ke7 42.Rb2 Qc8 43.Re2 Qf8 -1.28/18
[43...R8h6-+ -1.66/21]
44.Qh3 -1.93/19
[44.Bxh4∓ -1.28/18 was necessary. Rxh4 45.Qf2]

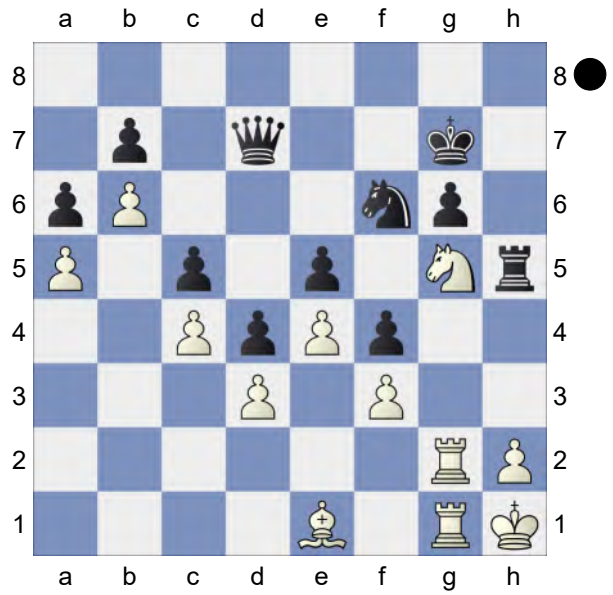


44...Nf5! Pair of Knights! **45.Qxh5**



Ng3+! 46.Bxg3 Rxh5 47.Be1 Qc8 48.Ra2 Kf8 49.Rb2 Qd7 And now ... Nh7 would win. **50.Ra2 Ke7** -0.91/17
[50...Kg7-+ -1.85/21 is more deadly. ... Kf8 is the strong threat. 51.Rag2 Kf8]
51.Rgg2∓ Kf8 -0.69/22
[51...Qc8∓ -1.44/19 52.Kg1 Qe8]
52.Rg1 -1.71/19

[52.Kg1∓ -0.69/22]
52...Kg7↑ White is under strong pressure. **53.Rag2** -2.88/19
[53.Rgg2∓ -1.51/18]



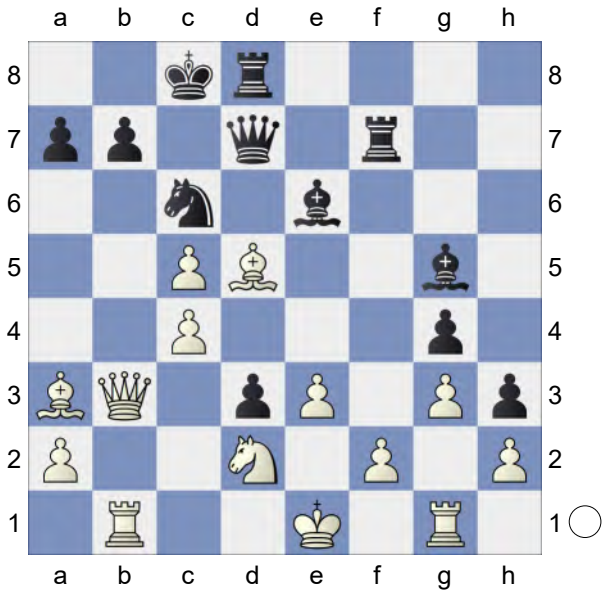
53...Ng8! 54.Rg4 Nh6 55.R4g2 Kf6 56.h4? -5.05/18
[56.Ra2∓ -0.98/18 nothing else works.]
56...Nf7 Black is clearly winning. **57.Rh2 Nxg5 58.hxg5+ Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Jones,Gawain C B** **2618**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2804**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

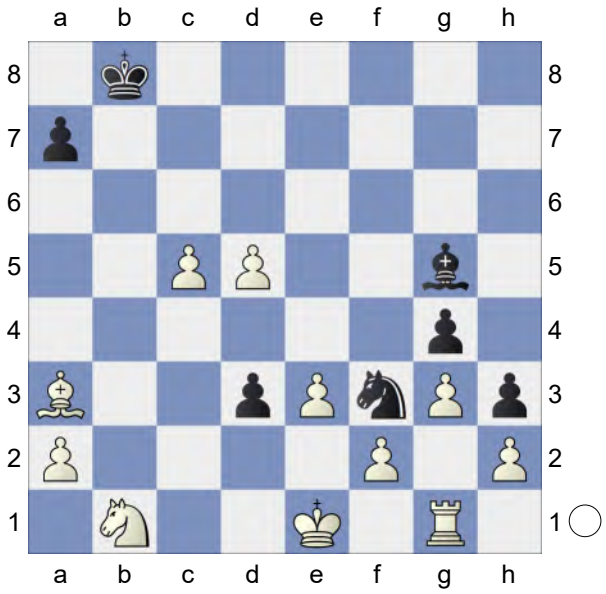
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.g3 Qc7
[4...cxb4 5.a3 b3 *(5...bxa3 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Qa4 Bd7 9.d3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.Nd2 a6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rfb1 Rb8 15.c5 Be7 16.Ne4 Na5 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Rfc8 20.Qb4* Chapter,W (2732)-R Of B,F (2560) New York 2020 CBM 051 Extra [Aiken] ½-½ (60) *)* 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Nxb3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Nc2 b5 14.Nd2 a6 15.Nb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Bb5 18.Nxe5 Bxb4 19.Rb1 Brachtel,R (2655)-Buchicchio,G (2767) Israel 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721] ½-½ (38)]
5.bxc5N
[5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.b5 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez, E (2240) Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 20.Bd2 Nd7 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1 d3 23.exd3 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Rxc3 0-1 (24) Jasinczuk,J (2130)-Garabedian,V (2240) France 1987 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II]]
5...e5 6.Ba3
[6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qc2 Bxc5∓]
6...Nc6 7.d3 Nf6 8.Nfd2 -0.73/19
[8.Bg2= 0.15/21]
8...h5∓ 9.Bg2 h4 10.Kf1 -1.51/17
[10.Ne4!∓ -0.44/17]
10...Be7 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Be6 -0.52/17
[Better is 12...Bh3+-+ -1.65/19 13.Kg1 Qa5]
13.Nd2∓ 0-0-0 Black has compensation. **14.Rb1** -1.00/18
[14.Qa4!∓ -0.37/16]
14...f5!∓ 15.Bg2 h3 -0.95/16
[⌓15...e4 -1.60/19 Threatens to win with ...h3. 16.Rg1 *(16.dxe4 f4∓)*

16...Rd7]
16.Bf3 g5 -0.59/20
[16...Rh6∓ -1.15/18]
17.Rg1 -1.48/18
[White should try 17.g4!∓ -0.59/20]
17...e4
[17...g4 18.Bh1∓]
18.dxe4 g4 19.Bh1 d3 -0.45/17
[19...Rhf8-+ -1.83/17 And now ...Qe5 would win. 20.exf5 Bxf5]
20.e3!∓ Rhf8 0.00/19
[20...Rh5!∓ -0.52/18]
21.Qb3 -0.32/19
[21.Ke1= 0.00/19]
21...fxe4 22.Bxe4 Bg5 0.69/16
[22...Kb8∓ -0.33/18]
23.Ke1!±
[23.Bd5? Bxd5 24.cxd5 Bxe3!-+]
23...Rf7 0.97/18
[23...Qf7 24.Rf1 *(24.f4? gxf3 25.Bxf3 Bxe3-+)* 24...Qc7 25.Qa4± *(25.Bxd3 Be7±; 25.Bd5 Rfe8±)*]
[23...Kb8± 0.55/18 might be stronger.]
24.Bd5 -0.29/16
[White should play 24.Bb2± 0.97/18]
24...Qd7? 2.20/20
[24...Qe5 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Qa4 Bxe3 27.Qxc6+ Rc7 28.Qa6+ Kd7 29.Qd6+ Qxd6 30.cxd6 Bxd2+ 31.Kxd2 Rxc4 32.Rb7+ *(32.Kxd3 Rdc8±)* 32...Kc6 33.Rc7+ *(33.Rxa7 Rd7±)* 33...Kd5 34.Rxc4 *(34.Rxa7 Rc2+ 35.Kxd3 Bf5+ 36.Ke3 Re8+ 37.Re7 Rc3+ 38.Ke2 Rc2+ 39.Ke3 Rc3+ 40.Ke2 Rc2+ 41.Ke3=; 34.Kxd3 Bf5+ 35.Kd2 Rc8±)* 34...Kxc4 35.Re1±]
[24...Bxd5!= -0.29/16 and Black stays safe. 25.cxd5 Qe5]

(Diagram)

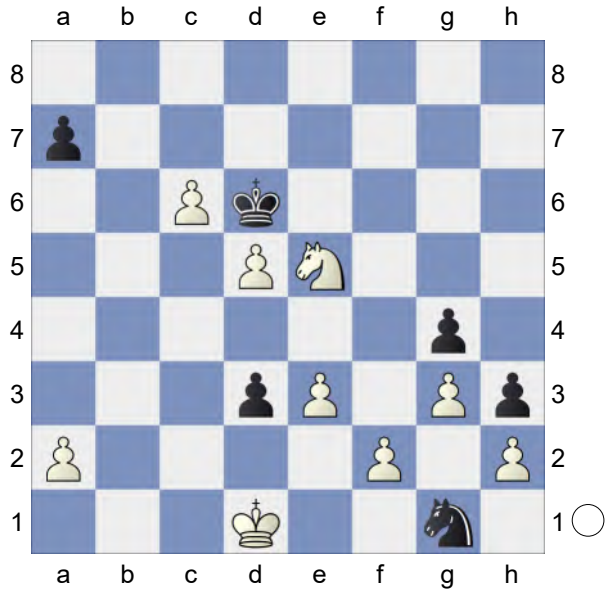


25.Qxb7+!! Qxb7 26.Bxe6+ Kb8? 5.39/20
[26...Qd7 1.69/18 27.Bxd7+ Rfxd7]
27.Bxf7+-
[27.Rxb7+ Rxb7 28.Nb3 *(28.Bxg4 Bf6=)* 28...Kc7±]
27...Qxb1+ 28.Nxb1 Ne5 29.Bd5 Rxd5 30.cxd5 Nf3+

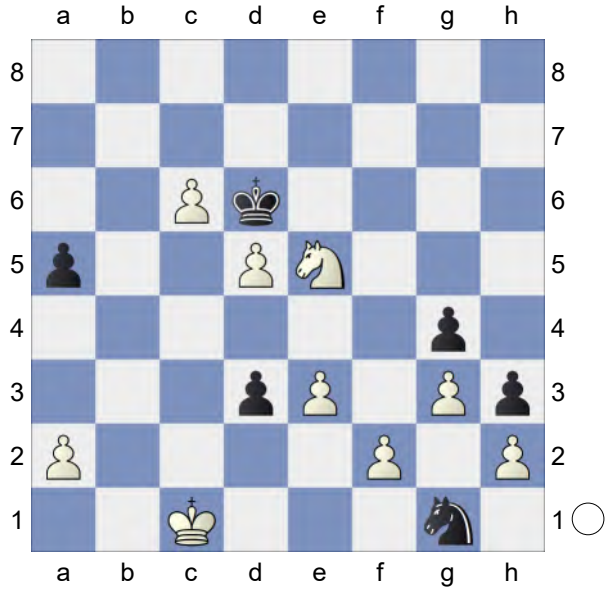


31.Kd1!
[Not 31.Kf1 Nxh2+ 32.Ke1 Nf3+ 33.Kf1 Nh2+ 34.Ke1 Nf3+ 35.Kf1 Nh2+=]
31...Nxg1 Endgame KBN-KBN **32.Nd2**

Bf6 33.Bb4 Be5 34.c6 Kc7 35.Ba5+ Kc8 36.Nc4 White threatens d6 and mate. **36...Bc7 37.Bxc7 Kxc7** KN-KN **38.Ne5 Kd6**



39.Kc1! a5
[39...Kc7 40.Kd2]



40.a4! Ne2+
[40...Kxe5 41.c7]
41.Kd2 Kc7 42.Nxd3 Ng1 43.Ne5 Kd6

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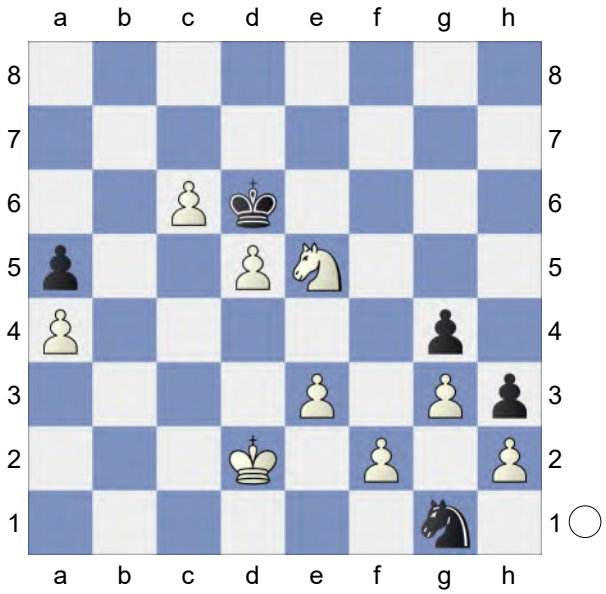
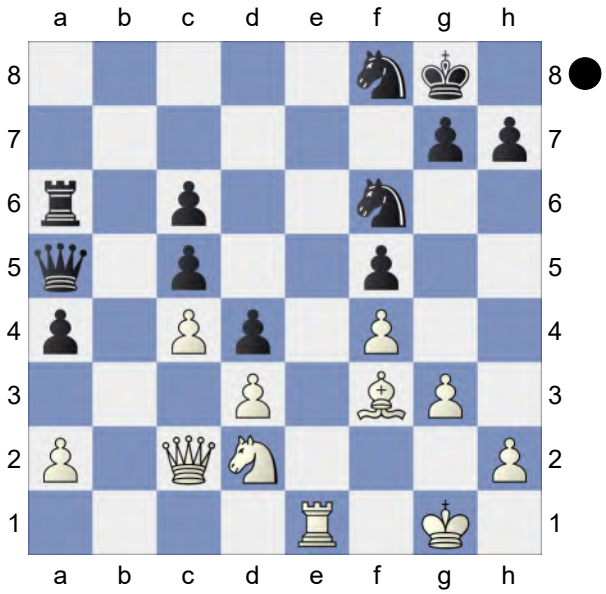


44.Kd3! Kc7
[44...Kxe5 45.c7]
45.Ke4 Kd6 46.Nxg4 Ne2 47.Nf6 Nc3+ 48.Kd4 Nxa4 49.Ne4+ Kc7 50.Nc5 Nb6 51.Ke5 a4 52.Ne6+ Kc8 53.d6 a3 54.d7+ Nxd7+ 55.cxd7+ Kxd7 KN-KPP **56.Nc5+ Kc6 57.Nb3 Kb5 58.Kd4 Kb4 59.Na1 a2 60.e4** 23.73/27
[⌓60.g4 #20/23 Ka3 61.Kc3 Ka4 62.g5 Ka5 63.g6 Ka6 64.g7 Kb6 65.g8Q]
60...Ka3 61.Kc3 Threatening mate with e5. **61...Ka4 62.Kb2 Kb5 63.Kxa2** KN-KP **63...Kc4 64.Kb2 Kd4 65.f3 Ke3 66.e5** White mates. **66...Kxf3 67.e6 Kg2 68.e7 Kxh2 69.e8Q Kxg3 70.Qe4 h2 71.Qh1** Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.58
1-0

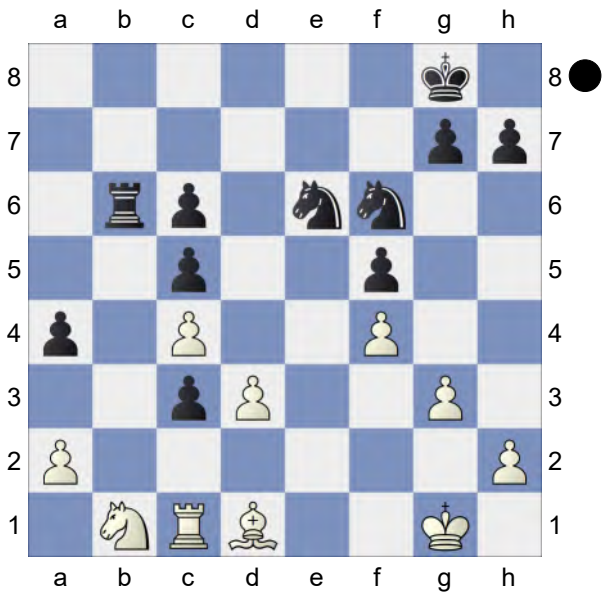
A09
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2786**
■ **Sarana,A** **2693**
AI Cup Div 2 W rapid (2.3) 26.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.d3 e5 5.b5
[5.a3 c5 *(5...a5 6.b5 Ne7 7.g3 Nd7 8.Bg2 Nc5 9.a4 Ng6 10.Ba3 Be6 11.Nfd2 Qc8 12.h4 Bd6 13.h5 Nf8 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 Nd7 16.Nd2 Nc5 17.Qc2 0-0 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.Qxb3 f5 20.Qc2* 8.a4 b4 9. ♘bd2 ♗b7 (2450)-Costello, A (2492) corr ICCF 2013 200 Traps In The Opening [Ruester] 0-1 (42)*)* 6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.axb4 Bxb4 10.Ba3 Nge7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Ne1 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Nb4 14.Nc2 Nec6 15.Nxb4 Nxb4 16.Nb3 Ra7 17.Qd2 b6 18.Qxb4 axb4 19.Rxa7 f5 3.e3 c5 4.♗f6 gf6 5.♘c3_3 (2605)-Folkova,M (2567) Czech Republic 2001 CYB 12 [John Watson] ½-½ (43)]
5...c5N 0.60/21
[5...a6∓ -0.35/19 6.bxa6 Nxa6 7.g3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Ne7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Bxb4 Nxb4 12.Qb3 Nec6 Chapter Part-Games Game 1]
6.g3± Bd6 7.Bg2 f5 8.0-0 White is better. **8...Nf6 9.e3 0-0 10.exd4 exd4 11.Re1 a5 12.Na3** Black must now prevent Ng5. **12...Nbd7 13.b6 Ra6 14.Nb5 Bb8** 1.38/18
[⌓14...Rxb6 1.06/20 15.Ba3 Nb8]
15.Ng5 0.40/18
[15.Nc7!± 1.38/18]
15...Rxb6 16.Bd2 0.21/22
[But not 16.Ne6 Rxe6 17.Rxe6 Ne5 18.Rxf6 Qxf6∓]
[16.Ba3!± 0.58/21]
16...Ra6 17.f4 0.00/21
[17.Ne6± 0.43/20 is more appropriate. Rxe6 18.Rxe6]
17...Re8= 18.Qb3 a4 19.Qc2 -0.47/23
[19.Qa3= 0.06/21]
19...Nf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Re1 Qd8 22.Nf3 Bd7 23.Ne5 Bc6 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Na3 Bc7 26.Bf3 Ba5 27.Nb1 Qb6 28.Bxa5 -1.26/19
[28.Re5∓ -0.36/19]
28...Qxa5∓ 29.Nd2 -1.38/20
[⌓29.Qd2 -0.99/17]



29...Rb6! 30.Rc1 Ne6 -0.96/19
[Black should play 30...h5 -1.36/17 31.Qd1 h4]
31.Bd1 -1.59/18
[⌓31.Qd1 -0.96/19]
31...Qc3 -0.31/17 &Nero is more active.
[Black should try 31...a3∓ -1.59/18 32.Nb3 Qe1+ 33.Kg2 Qe3]
32.Qxc3∓ dxc3 33.Nb1 -3.24/20
[33.Rb1!∓ -0.43/21 Rb4 34.a3]

(Diagram)



This costs White the game. **33...c2!-+** **34.Bxc2** **Nd4** aiming for ...Ne2+. **35.Nc3** Prevents Ne2+. **35...Rb2** **36.Bxa4** **Nf3+** **37.Kf1** **Nxh2+** **38.Kg1** **Nf3+** **39.Kf1** **Ng4** **40.Ne2?** -5.85/20

[40.Bc2 -2.03/17 was the crucial defense.]

40...Ne3+ Black is clearly winning. **41.Kf2** **Nd4** **42.Re1** **Ng4+** Pair of Knights! **43.Kf1** **Nh2+** **44.Kf2** **Nhf3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.18 (very precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2734**
■ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2606**

Titled Tuesday intern op 14th May Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 **d5** **2.c4** **d4** **3.b4** **g5** **4.Qb3**

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Markovitz,N-Kuzubov,Y Benasque 2017 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins] 0-1]

4...Bg7 **5.Nxg5** **e5!**

[5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]

6.Nh3N

[6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39) 21.Rc1 Rhf8 22.Rc4 Be5 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1 Nf4 25.Rh1 Nxh3 26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2 Re1 28.Rf3 Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+ 31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ 34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6 Rc1 Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)]

6...Ne7 0.42/21

[6...Nd7= -0.10/22]

[6...a5= -0.19/20]

7.g3!± **a5** **8.b5!** White is slightly better.

8...Nd7 **9.Ba3** 0.00/25 Inhibits Nc5.

[9.Bg2± 0.45/24 feels stronger.]

9...e4 **10.Bg2** **a4** **11.Qd1** **d3** 1.16/21

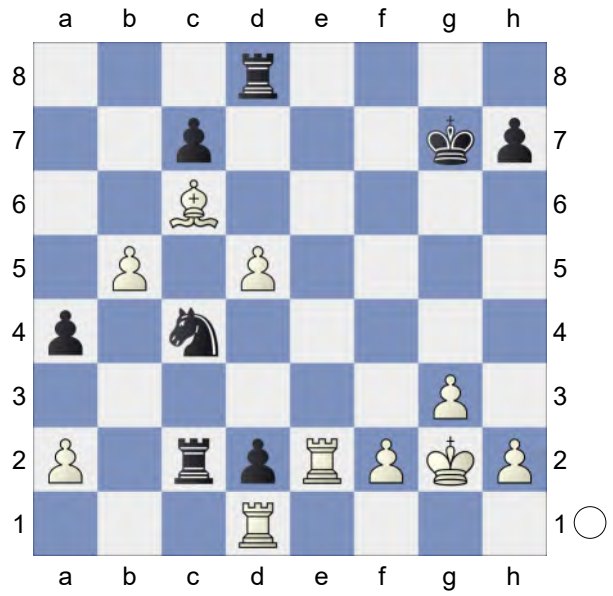
[11...Ne5= 0.30/20 remains equal.]

12.Nc3± **Ne5** And now ...Bxh3 would win. **13.0-0** -0.37/19

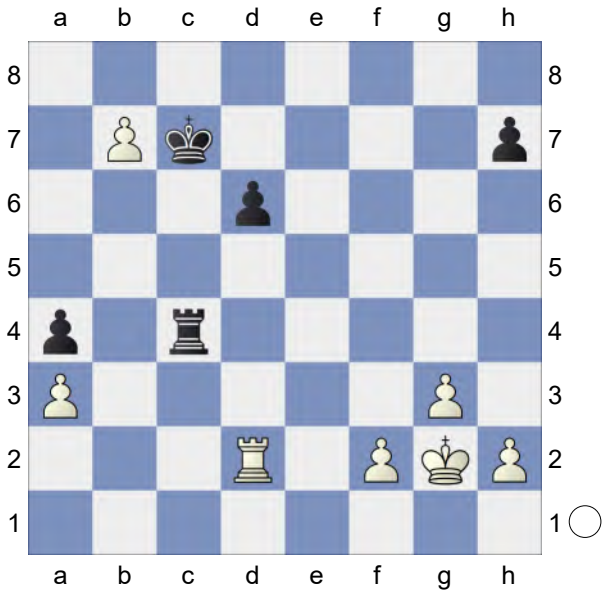
[13.Nf4!± 0.83/20]

13...Nxc4? 1.28/20
[13...Bg4!∓ -0.37/19 keeps the upper hand. 14.Bxe7 dxe2 15.Bxd8 exd1Q 16.Raxd1 Rxd8]
14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3! Black must now prevent Nd5. **15...exd3** 2.58/20
[15...Bxc3± 1.39/20 16.dxc3 *(16.dxc4 Bxa1 17.Qxa1 0-0)* 16...Nb2±]
16.Re1+- Pin **16...Be6** 3.70/19
[⌓16...Ne5 2.38/19 17.f4 *(17.Nxa4 Bg4=)* 17...Bg4 18.Rxe5 Remove Defender Bxe5 19.Qxg4 h5]
17.Bxb7+- Rd8 Prevents Nd5 **18.Bc6+**
[18.Qxa4 Bxc3 19.b6+ *(19.dxc3 d2=)* 19...Kf8 *(19...Qd7? 20.Bc6+-* Pin *)* 20.Rxe6 Nxb6= *(20...fxe6? 21.Qxc4 Bxa1 22.bxc7+-; 20...Qxe6? 21.bxc7 Kg7 22.Nf4+-)*]
18...Kf8 19.Nf4
[19.Qxa4 Bxc3 *(19...Nxd2 20.Rxe6 Qxe6 21.Rd1±)* 20.dxc3 d2∓]
19...Bxc3 20.dxc3
[20.Nxe6+ fxe6 21.dxc3 Rg8+-]
20...d2 21.Nxe6+
[21.Qxa4 dxe1N *(21...dxe1B 22.Rxe1 Nb6 23.Qe4∓)* 22.Rxe1 Nb6∓]
21...fxe6 22.Re4 Rf4+ would now be deadly. Really sharp!
[22.Qxa4? dxe1Q+ *(22...dxe1B 23.Qxc4 Bd2 24.Rb1∓; 22...dxe1R+? 23.Rxe1 Qc5 24.Re4-+)* 23.Rxe1 Qc5 24.Rxe6 Kg7-+]
22...Qc5 23.Qg4
[23.Qxa4 Nb2 24.Qc2 d1Q+ *(24...d1B? 25.Qxb2 Rg8 26.Rd4+-; 24...d1R+ 25.Rxd1 Nxd1 26.Rf4+ Ke7 27.Rf3∓)* 25.Rxd1 Nxd1 26.Rxe6 Kg7∓ *(26...Qxc3 27.Qf5+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Qg7 29.Qxd8+ Qf8 30.Qg5+ Kf7 31.Rf6+ Ke7 32.Rg6+ Kf7 33.Qf6#; 26...Nxc3? 27.Re3+-)*]
[23.Rxe6 Kf7 24.Re4 Rhf8+-]
23...Rg8 24.Qf4+
[24.Rxc4 Rxg4 25.Rxc5 d1Q+ 26.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 27.Kg2 Rd2=]
[24.Rf4+ Ke7 25.Qf3 *(25.Rxc4 Rxg4 26.Rxc5 d1Q+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kg2 Kd6∓; 25.Qh4+ Qg5=)* 25...Rgf8±]
24...Kg7 25.Rd1
[25.Qxc7+ Kh8 26.Qf4 *(26.Rxe6? d1Q+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kg2 Rf8-+; 26.Rd1? Rdf8-+)* 26...d1Q+ *(26...d1R+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kg2±)* 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kg2 Rd2 29.Rxc4 Rxf2+ 30.Kg1 *(30.Qxf2 Qxc4 31.Qf6+ Rg7±)* 30...Rxf4++-]
25...Nd6 26.Rxe6 Rgf8 Wards off Qf6+ Prevents Qf6+. **27.Qd4+**
[27.Qxd2 Ne4 28.Rxe4 *(28.Qxd8 Qxf2+ 29.Kh1 Rxd8 30.Bd7 Qf3+ 31.Kg1 Qxd1+ 32.Kg2 Qe2+ 33.Kh3 Qh5+ 34.Kg2 Rxd7; 28.Qh6+ Kg8=)* 28...Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Qxc3 *(29...Rf7 30.Rxa4 h5+-)* 30.Rd7+ Rf7 31.Rxf7+ *(31.Rxa4 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 Qxf2+ 33.Kh3 Rxd7∓; 31.Rg4+ Kf8+-)* 31...Kxf7 32.Rxa4 Kf6]
27...Qxd4 28.cxd4 Nc4 29.d5 Rf3 30.Kg2? 1.39/19
[30.d6+- 3.86/23 Rf7 31.Re4 Nxd6 32.Rg4+ *(32.Rxa4 Nf5+-)* 32...Kh8 33.Rxd2]
[Weaker is 30.Re4 Rc3 31.Kf1 *(31.Re7+ Kf8±)* 31...Rc2+-]
30...Rc3± Strongly threatening ...Rc1. Threatens to win with ...Rc1. **31.Re2** 0.49/21
[31.Re7+ Kf8 32.Re2 *(32.Rxc7 Rc1=)* 32...a3]
[31.Kf1!± 1.27/23]
31...Rc2? 3.39/24

[31...a3!± 0.49/21]

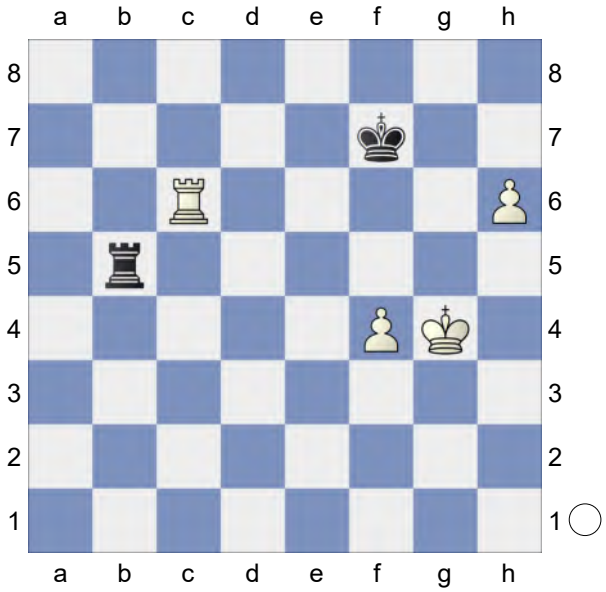


32.a3? 0.08/22
[White has to play 32.b6!+- 3.39/24 cxb6 *(32...Nxb6 33.Rdxd2)* 33.Bxa4]
32...Rf8? 3.43/23
[32...Rc3!= 0.08/22]
33.Re7+? 1.27/22
[33.b6+- 3.43/23 cxb6 34.d6 *(34.Bxa4 Rb2+-)* 34...Nxd6 35.Bxa4 *(35.Rdxd2? Rxc6 36.Rd4 b5-+)*]
33...Rf7? 3.33/24
[33...Kf6!± 1.27/22 34.Re6+ *(34.Rxc7?* is the wrong capture. *Nb2-+)* 34...Kf7]
34.d6+- cxd6 4.61/23
[⌓34...Nxd6 3.27/19 is a better defense. 35.Re2 Rf5 *(35...Nc4)*]
35.Rxf7+ Kxf7 Endgame. KRB-KRN Endgame KRB-KRN **36.Bd5+ Kf6** 5.17/21
[36...Ke7 3.60/19 was necessary. 37.Bxc4 Rxc4 38.Rxd2 Rc3]
37.Bxc4 Remove Defender **37...Rxc4**
38.Rxd2 KR-KR **38...Ke7 39.b6** b7 is the strong threat. **39...Kd7 40.b7 Kc7**



41.Rxd6!! Decoy, Promotion **41...Rc3**
[41...Kxb7 42.Rd3 *(42.Rd7+)*]
42.Rb6 Kb8 43.h4 Rxa3 44.Rb4 Ra1 45.h5 a3 46.Rb3 a2 47.Ra3! Kxb7 48.g4 Kc6 49.g5 Kd6 50.g6 hxg6
51.h6? 0.01/24
[51.hxg6+- 6.78/29 Ke7 *(51...Rb1 52.Rxa2)* 52.Ra7+ Kf8 53.f4]
51...Rb1= 52.Rxa2 Rb5? 8.86/20
[52...Ke6= 0.01/24]
53.Ra6+ Ke7 54.Rxg6? 0.07/20
[54.h7+- 8.17/18 Rb8 55.Rxg6]
[54.Ra8+- 8.83/19]
54...Kf7? 8.05/25
[54...Rh5= 0.07/20]
55.Ra6? 0.04/41
[Only move: 55.Rg3+- 8.05/25 Rb8 56.h7 *(56.f4 Rh8=)*]
55...Rg5+ 56.Kh3 Threatens to win with Ra7+. **56...Rh5+ 57.Kg4 Rb5** 5.41/35
[57...Rh1= 0.04/31 and Black has nothing to worry.]
58.f4? 0.10/36 Hoping for Ra7+.
[58.Ra7+!+- 5.41/35 Kg6 59.h7 Rg5+ 60.Kh3 Rh5+ 61.Kg4 Rg5+ 62.Kf4 Rf5+ 63.Ke3 Re5+ 64.Kd4]
58...Rc5? 7.27/32

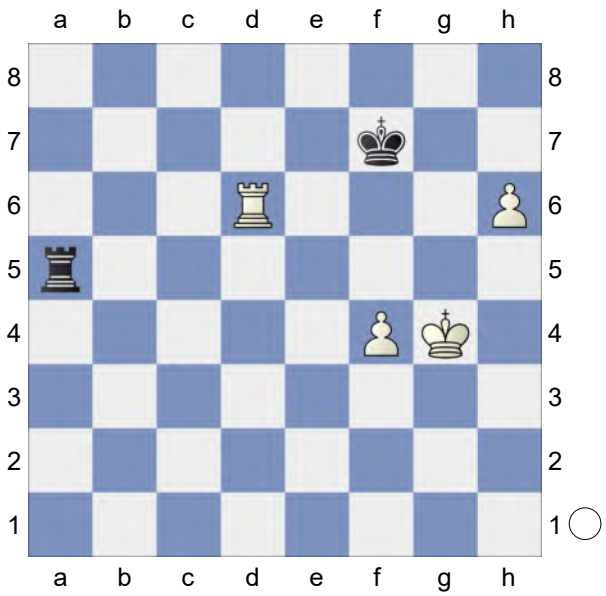
[58...Rb1= 0.10/36]
59.Rb6? 0.10/35
[59.Ra7+!+- 7.27/32 Kg6 60.h7 Rg5+ 61.Kf3]
59...Ra5? 6.68/34
[59...Rc1= 0.10/35]
60.Rc6? 0.10/35
[60.Rb7+!+- 6.68/34 Kg6 61.h7 Rg5+ 62.Kf3]
60...Rb5? 6.36/33
[60...Ra1= 0.10/35]



61.Rd6? 0.10/32
[Only move: 61.Rc7+!+- 6.36/33 Kg6 62.Rc6+ *(62.h7 Rg5+ 63.Kf3 Rh5+-)* 62...Kh7 63.f5]
61...Ra5? 6.07/25
[61...Rb2= 0.10/32 and Black stays safe.]

(Diagram)

62.Rd7+!+- Kg8? 10.59/30
[62...Kg6 3.85/17 63.Rd6+ *(63.h7 Rg5+ 64.Kf3 Rh5+-)* 63...Kh7]
63.Rg7++- 8.30/22 White is clearly winning. **63...Kh8 64.Rf7** 3.63/26

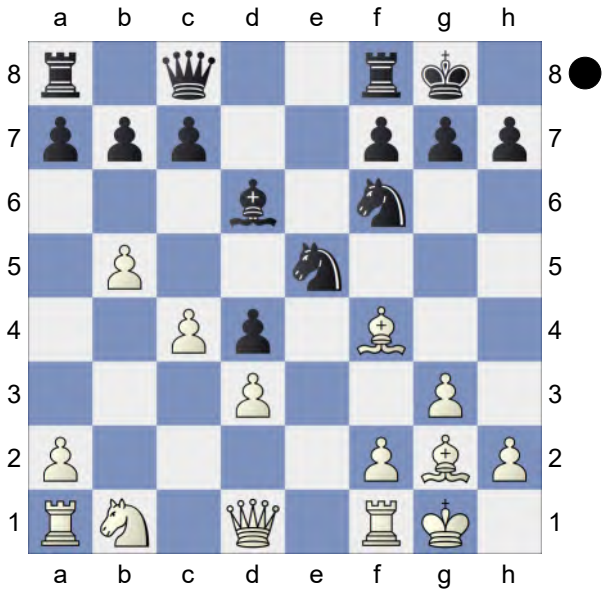


[⌓64.Re7 7.83/28 aiming for f5. Ra4 65.Kg5]
64...Kg8? 8.30/22
[64...Ra2 3.63/26 65.Re7 Rf2]
65.Rf5? 0.10/24 **Ra6?** 7.83/28
[65...Ra1= 0.10/24]
66.Kg5 White is clearly winning.
66...Ra1 67.Kg6 White wants to mate with h7+. Threatening mate with h7+.
67...Rg1+ 68.Rg5 Ra1 69.f5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.69
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.69
1-0

A09
□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2562**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2721**
Titled 5th Oct Late (3) 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

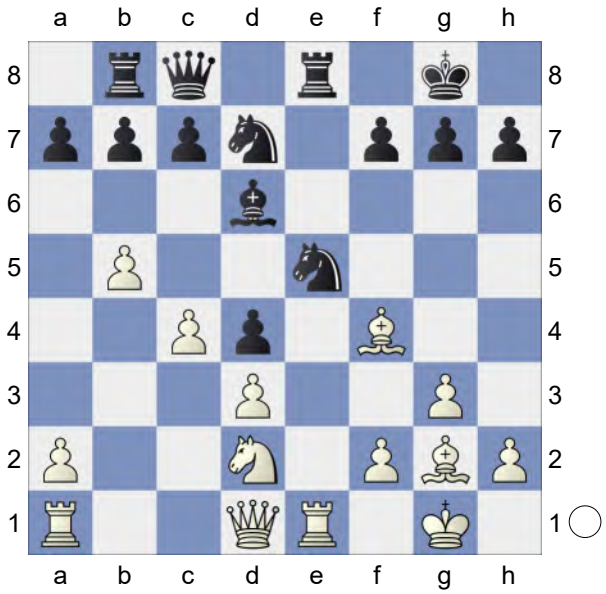
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e5 6.b5 Nf6 7.Bg2 aiming for f4. **7...Nbd7 8.0-0** White is slightly better. **8...Bd6 9.f4**

0-0N 0.70/19
[⌓9...exf4 0.36/21 10.Re1+ *(10.Bxb7 Rb8±)* 10...Kf8 11.Bb2 fxg3 12.hxg3 h5 13.Bxd4 h4 14.Qf3 Nh5 15.Nc3 hxg3 16.fxg3 Nxg3 17.c5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 Nh5 19.Nd5 c6 20.Rf1 Ne6 21.Rf5 Ng3 22.Rxf7+ Kxf7 23.Rf1+ Nxf1 24.Qf5+ Qf6 25.Bxf6 Ng3 Christiansen,J-Navara,D 6: European Cup, Antalya 2017 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins] 0-1 (39) 26.Qf3 Rh5 27.bxc6 bxc6 28.Be5+ Rf5 29.Qxg3 Bxe5 30.Qh3 g6 31.Ne3 Rh8 32.Qg4 Bh2+ 33.Kh1 Bg3+ 34.Bh3 Rxh3+ 35.Kg2 Rh4 36.Qd1 Rg5 37.Qb3 Rb4 38.Qc2 Bc7+ 39.Kh3 Rg3+ ½-½ (39) Christiansen, J (2539)-Fridman,D (2633) Skopje 2019 CBM 190 [Postny,Evgeny]]
10.fxe5 Nxe5 11.d3 Qc8 12.Bf4



c5! is the strong threat. This bishop pair is nice. **12...Nfd7 13.Re1** Threatens to win with c5! **13...Re8 14.Nd2** Black must now prevent Nf3. **14...Rb8** 1.68/18
[14...Nc5!± 0.62/17]

(Diagram)



15.Ne4 1.09/18
[15.Nb3!+- 1.68/18]
15...Bb4± Against c5 **16.Re2 Ng6** 1.25/20
[⌓16...h6 0.93/16]
17.Bc1 Nde5 18.h3 Qd8 19.f4 Nd7 20.Bb2 0.76/16
[White should play 20.Rb1 1.25/17 Be7 21.Bb2]
20...Nc5 21.a3 Nxe4 22.Rxe4
[Not 22.axb4 Nxg3 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8∓]
22...Bc3 23.Bxc3 dxc3 24.Qe2 -0.07/20
[24.Rxe8+± 0.82/21 Qxe8 25.Qe1]
24...Rxe4= 25.Qxe4 Qd7 26.Rc1 -0.45/21
[26.Re1= 0.00/20]
26...Re8∓ 27.Qd5 Qe7↑ Black has the initiative. **28.Be4?** -2.95/18
[28.Qd4= -0.30/20 and White is okay.]
28...Qxa3-+ 29.Rf1 -4.85/19
[29.Rc2 -2.39/18 Qa1+ 30.Kg2]
29...c2 30.Qd7 Rf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

A09

□ **Yuffa,Daniil** **2617**

■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2706**

Sharjah Masters 7th (3) 16.05.2024

[Kitty Kat]

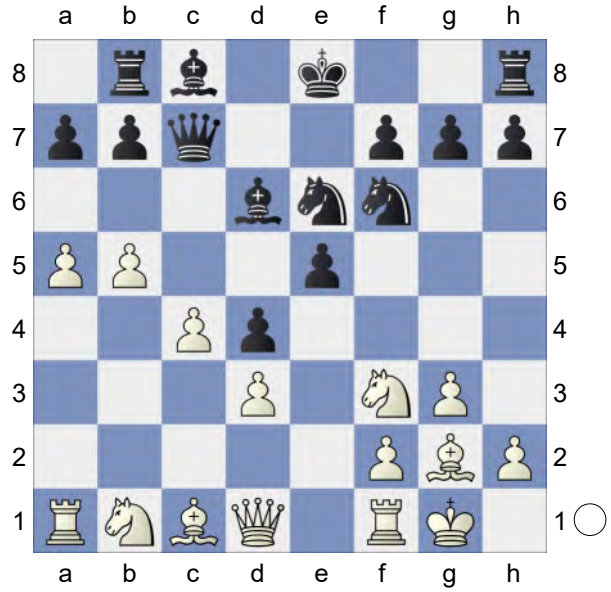
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5 Qc7 5.g3 e5 6.d3! Nf6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 Nbd7N 0.45/19

[8...h6= -0.03/19]

[8...0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 20.Bd2 Nd7 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1 d3 23.exd3 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez,E (2240) Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Rxc3 0-1 (24) Jasinczuk,J (2130)-Garabedian,V (2240) France 1987 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II]]

9.a4 Nf8 10.e3 Ne6 11.a5 Rb8 12.exd4 cxd4



13.Re1 0.52/17

[13.Ba3!± 0.84/19]

13...0-0!± 14.b6 axb6 15.Na3 Bd7

[Don't play 15...bxa5 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Nxd6 *(17.Nxe5 Bb4±)* 17...Qxd6 18.Rxa5±]

16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Bc6 0.42/18

[Black should play 18...Ra8!= -0.12/18]

19.Bh3 -0.15/17

[19.Rb1± 0.42/18 Qc7 20.Rf5]

19...Nd7= 20.Re1 Ndc5 21.Nc2 Ra8 aiming for ...Rxa1. **22.Ba3** Threatening Bxe6. **22...Ng5** Pair of Knights! **23.Bg2** Inhibits Nf3+.

[23.Bg4 is more complex. f5 24.f4 fxg4 25.fxg5 Ba4 26.Qxg4 Bxc2 27.Qxd4 Rfd8 28.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 29.Bxc5 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Rxd3 31.Rf1]

23...Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Qc6+ 25.f3 Qd6 26.Bxc5 Qxc5 27.Rb1 Against b5. Strongly threatening Rb5. **27...Qc8 28.Rb5 Ne6 29.Nb4 Re8** 0.73/18

[29...h6± 0.34/16]

30.Qd2 0.42/20 &Bianco is more active.

[30.Rbe5± 0.73/18]

30...h6 31.Rbe5 0.18/18

[31.Nd5± 0.55/18 is more appropriate.]

31...Qd7 32.f4 0.00/19

[32.Rd5± 0.34/19 Qe7 33.Rb5]

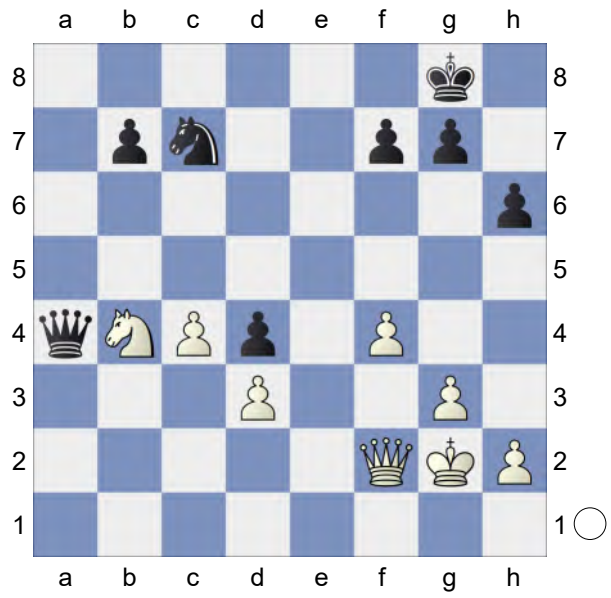
32...Nc7 The position is equal. **33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Rxe8+ Qxe8 35.Qf2 Qa4**

(Diagram)

36.Qxd4!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½



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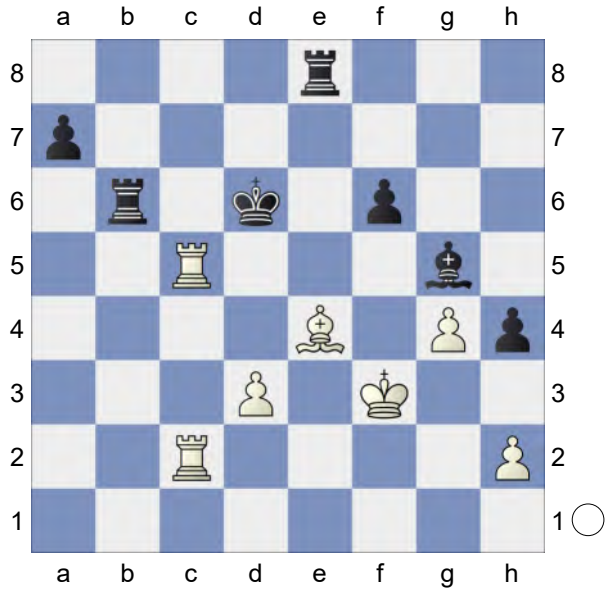
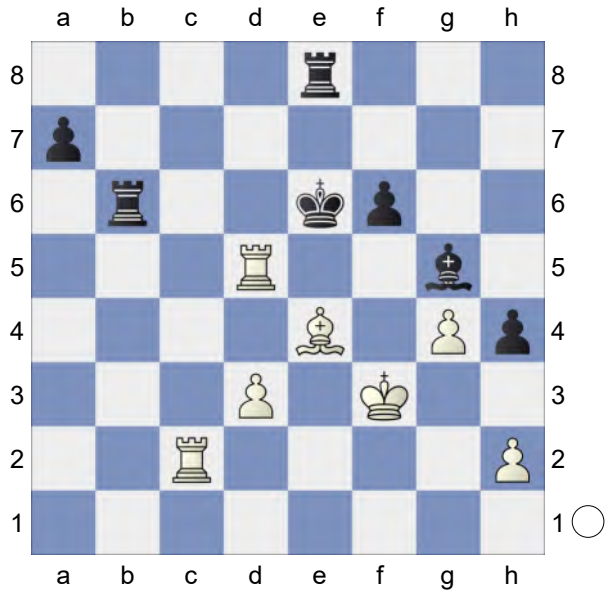
□ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2611**
■ **Hovhannisyan,Robert** **2619**
SRB-chT Premier (6.1) 02.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 cxb4N
[5...Qc7!? 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien 2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58) Nf8 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bf5 Nh5 25.Nf1 Nd7 26.Qd1 Ra8 27.a3 b6 28.Nh3 Ra7 29.Re2 Nf8 30.Rh2 Qe7 31.g4 Nf4 32.Ng3 Nxh3 33.Rxh3 Ne6 34.Rh2 Rf8 35.Qf1 7.♗e2 e6 8.h3 (2438)-Weber,S (2425) Washington 2020 CYB 12 [FS 1972 p36?] 1-0 (58)]
6.Bxd4 Bg4 7.Bb2
[Much worse is 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Be3 Bd7∓]
7...Bxf3 8.exf3 The position is equal.
8...e5! 9.f4 -0.71/18
[9.a3= -0.13/19 keeps the balance.]
9...e4 0.33/21
[9...Bc5!∓ -0.71/18 White must now prevent ...Bd4. 10.Bg2 Nc6]
10.Bg2 Hoping for d4. **10...Qd3 11.Qe2 Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 Nc6! 13.a3 0-0-0 14.Bxf6**
[14.axb4 with more complications. Bxb4 15.Be5 h5 16.Nc3]
14...gxf6 15.Bxe4 Nd4+ 0.44/21
[15...a5!= 0.00/19 is superior.]
16.Kd1!± Strongly threatening axb4.
16...bxa3 17.Ra2
[Don't play 17.Nxa3 Nb3 18.Kc2 Nxa1+ 19.Rxa1 Bb4=]
17...f5 18.Bd3 0.09/20
[18.Bg2!± 0.55/22]
18...Bc5 19.Nxa3 Kb8 20.Bb1 h5 21.Nc2 Nxc2 22.Bxc2 h4 23.Bxf5 Bxf2 24.g4 Be3 0.51/18
[24...Rd4= 0.05/22 should be

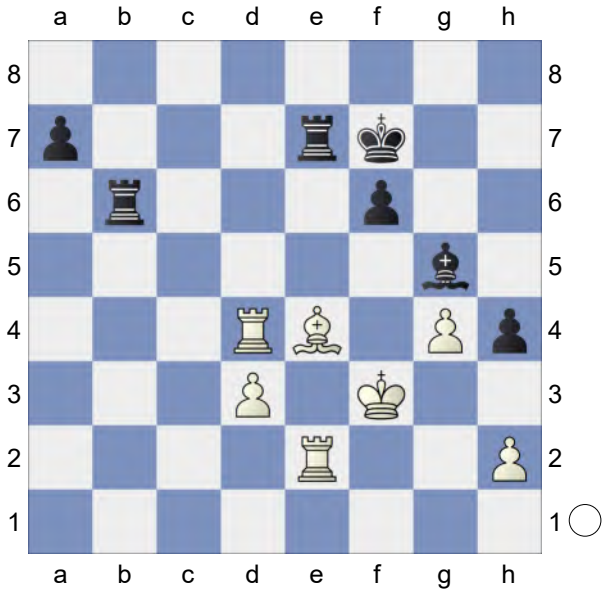
considered.]
25.d3 Bxf4 26.Rf1 Bg5 27.Be4 f6 28.Rb2 0.30/18 &Bianco is more active.
[28.Ke2± 0.67/19]
28...b6= 29.c5 Kc7 30.Ke2 Rb8 31.Rf5 bxc5 32.Rxc5+ Kd6! 33.Rbc2 Threatens to win with Rd5+. **33...Rhe8 34.Kf3 Rb6?** 1.84/17
[34...Re7= 0.27/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]



35.Rd5+!+- Ke6



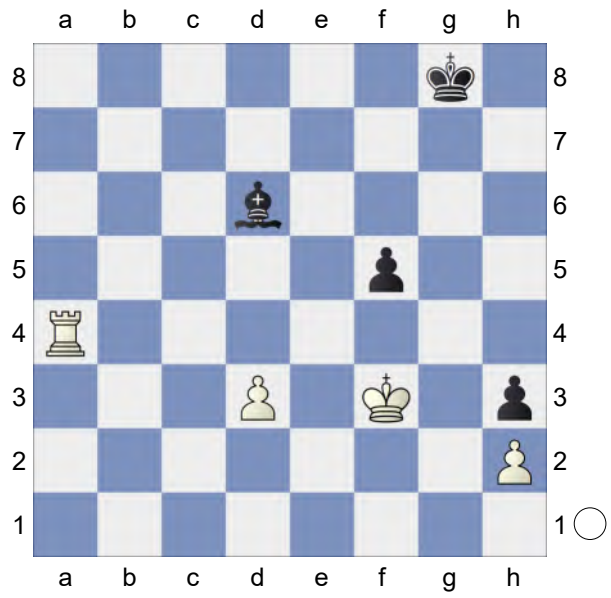
36.Rd4! aiming for Bg6. **36...Re7**
37.Re2 Intending Bg6+ and mate.
37...Kf7 4.33/20
[37...f5± 1.57/18]



Against Bg6+. Loses the game.
38.Bg6+! White is clearly winning.
38...Kxg6 39.Rxe7 Endgame KRR-KRB **39...a5 40.Rdd7 Bh6** Inhibits Rg7+. **41.Re8** Prevents Rb8. Threatening mate with Rg8+. **41...f5 42.Rg8+ Kf6 43.g5+ Bxg5 44.Rdg7 Bd2 45.Rg6+ Kf7 46.Rxb6 Kxg8** KR-KB **47.Rb5 a4 48.Rb2 Bc1 49.Rc2 Ba3 50.Rc4 Bd6 51.Rxa4 h3**

(Diagram)

52.Rf4! Kg7 53.Rxf5 Kg6 54.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0



A09

□ **Ferri,S** **2732**
■ **Mu,Ke** **2663**
4647 Hastings (3.2) 06.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien 2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58)]
6.Bg2 e5! 7.0-0 Nc6N
[7...cxb4 with more complications. 8.e3 dxe3 *(8...Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander] 0-1 *Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5* 1-0 (28) Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D]*)* 9.Bxe5 Qxc4 10.dxe3 Be7]
8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Strongly threatening Re1. **9...Ng6! 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3** -0.04/15
[18...Bd6∓ -0.45/22]
19.Bxh3= Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 -0.49/18
[20.Kg1= 0.00/20 might be stronger.]
20...Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 0.23/21
[Black should play 21...Qc8∓ -0.48/16]
22.Kxf1 h5 The position is equal.
23.Nb3 Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6 25.Ke2 Bd6 0.16/19
[25...h4 -0.19/17 feels stronger.]
26.Rg1 f6 27.a6 b6 28.Raf1 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rh8 30.Bd2 h4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

A09

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Cheparinov,I** **2663**
FIDE World Cup 2023 (3.2) 06.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3

h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien 2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58)]

6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0

[7.e3 seems wilder. Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nc6 10.exd4 cxd4 11.a3]

7...Nc6N

[7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1 Rad8 23.Nxb7 Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5 1-0 (28) Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D]]

8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Hoping for Re1. **9...Ng6! 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3** 0.00/19

[18...Bd6∓ -0.46/22 is superior.]

19.Bxh3= Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 -0.48/17

[20.Kg1= 0.00/19 deserves consideration.]

20...Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 0.21/20

[Better is 21...Qe6∓ -0.48/18]

22.Kxf1 The position is equal. **22...h5 23.Nb3 Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6 25.Ke2 Bd6 26.Rg1 f6 27.a6 b6 28.Raf1 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rh8 30.Bd2 h4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

A09

□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2669**

■ **Sarana,A** **2693**

Titled Tue 5th Sep Early blitz (6) 5.9.23

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

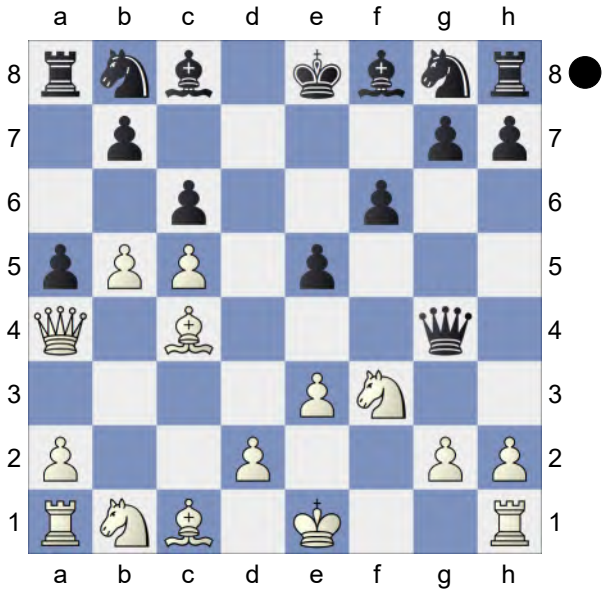
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Qd7 7.Bb5 c6! 8.Bc4 The position is equal. **8...dxe3**

[8...Na6 9.exd4 e4 10.b5 Nb4 11.a3 exf3 12.axb4 Qxd4 13.d3 Qe5+ 14.Be3 fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.bxa5 Nd5 18.d4 Qxh2 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6 Be7 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.Rxa4 0-0 23.Ra8 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2766) Paris Rapid & Blitz 2019 [David Cummings] 1-0 Re8 24.Kd2 Kf8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8 27.Bf4 Ba5+ 28.Kd1 1-0 (28) Duda,J-Grischuk,A Paris 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

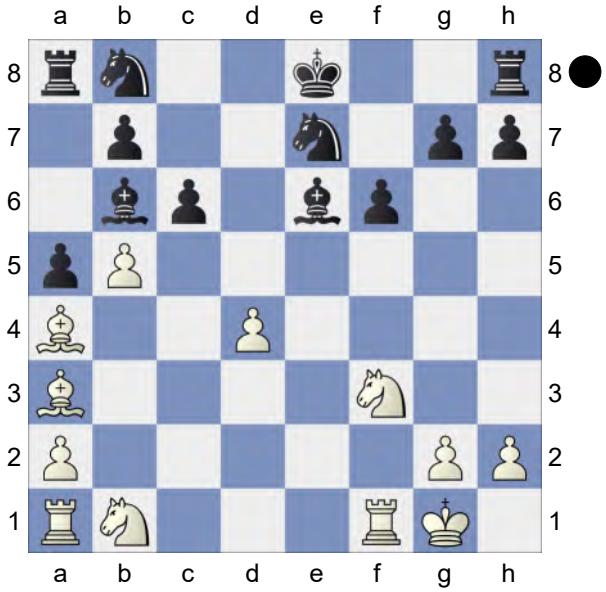
9.fxe3

[9.dxe3 feels hotter. Na6 10.a3 axb4 11.axb4 Nc7 12.Qxa8 Nxa8 13.Rxa8 b5 14.cxb6 Qb7 15.Ra4]

9...Qg4 10.b5!



Hoping for 0-0. **10...Be6N** 1.18/17
[10...Qxg2= 0.13/17 11.Rf1 Nh6]
[10...e4 11.Nd4 Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bxc5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 Qxh2 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Nf2 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Kf8 19.Rc1 Chapter-Advance Variation D4 e) 6... Qd7 7.Bb5 c6 8.Bc4 dxe3]
11.Bb3? -0.82/19
[11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.Na3 Bxc5∓]
[11.d4± 1.18/17 is forced if you want to stay better.]
11...Qxa4∓
[11...Qxg2 looks sharper. 12.Rf1 Bh3 13.Bc4 Bxc5 14.Nc3 Ne7]
12.Bxa4 Bxc5 13.0-0 -1.50/20
[⌓13.d4 -0.79/17 Bb4+ 14.Kf2]
13...Ne7 -0.92/15
[⌓13...Bc4 -1.50/20 14.Bb2 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Ne7]
14.d4 exd4 15.exd4 Bb6 -0.40/21
[15...Bd6∓ -0.88/20]
16.Ba3 -0.79/18
[16.Nc3∓ -0.40/21]

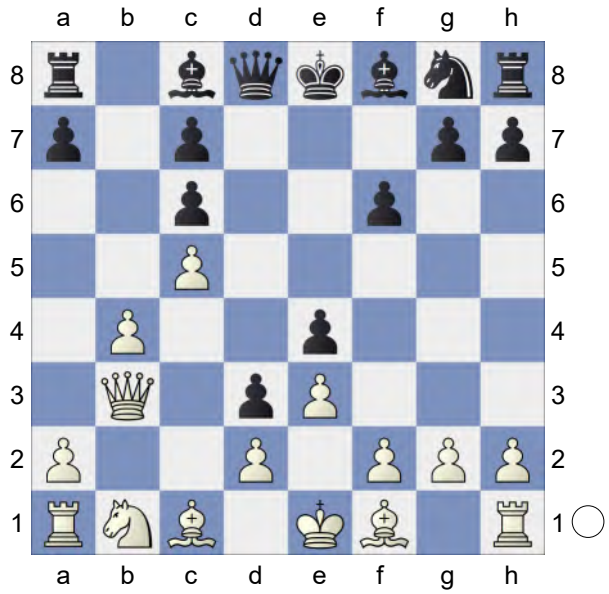


16...cxb5 -0.27/16
[Black should play 16...Nd5!∓ -0.79/18]
17.Bxb5+= Nbc6 18.Nc3 0-0-0↑ Black has good play. **19.Na4** -0.45/19
[19.Bxe7= -0.04/23 should be considered. Nxe7 20.Rfe1 Rxd4 21.Kh1]
19...Ba7∓
[But not 19...Bxd4+ 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxe7 Nxb5 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Nc5±]
20.Bc5 -1.14/17
[20.Rae1∓ -0.41/24 Bd7 21.Rc1 *(21.Bxe7 Nxe7 22.Rxe7 Bxb5∓)*]
20...Bxc5 -0.78/20
[⌓20...Bd5 -1.14/17 21.Nb6+ Kc7 22.Nxd5+ Rxd5 23.Bxc6 Nxc6 24.Bxa7 Nxa7]
21.dxc5 -1.35/20
[⌓21.Nxc5 -0.78/20 Bd5 22.Rab1]
21...Kc7∓ &Nero is more active. **22.Nb6** -1.90/17
[22.Rf2∓ -1.27/18]
22...Nd5 -0.96/20
[22...Ng6-+ -1.90/17 23.a4 Nge5]
23.Rfe1 -1.29/19
[White should try 23.Rae1 -0.96/20 Bg4 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Nd4 *(25.Nxd5+ Rxd5 26.Re7+ Rd7∓)*]
23...Bf7 -0.67/18
[23...Bg4∓ -1.29/19 24.Bxc6 bxc6]
24.Rac1? -2.77/19
[24.Nc4!∓ -0.67/18]
24...Rhe8 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Nc4 Re7 -0.76/16
[26...Bg6-+ -1.62/19 has better winning chances. ...Nf4 is the strong threat. 27.Nd6 Re3]
27.Bxc6 bxc6 28.Nxa5 Nf4 -0.21/25
[28...Re4!∓ -0.69/20 29.Rb1 Kd7]
29.Nd4= Bd5 And now ...Re4 would win. **30.Rb1** Black must now prevent Rb7+. **30...Rd7 31.g3 Nd3 32.Rb7+ Kc8 33.Rb6 Nxc5 34.Ndxc6 Kc7 35.Rb7+** -6.93/27 **Nxb7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/

Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

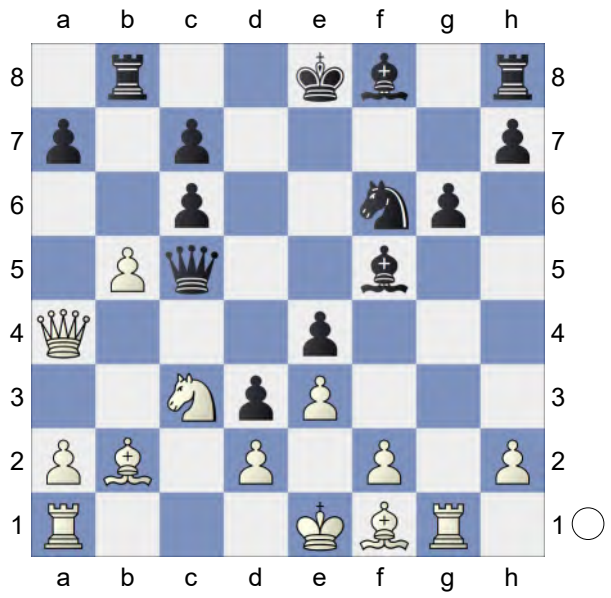
A09
□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2562**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2664**
Titled Tue 5th Nov Early (6) 05.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 d3 0.42/18
[5...a5= -0.15/16]
6.Qb3 e4 7.Nd4 Nc3 is the strong threat. **7...Nc6** 0.78/17
[7...f5± 0.33/20 is more appropriate.]
[7...a5 8.Nc3 f5 9.Ne6 Qe7 10.Nxf8 Kxf8 11.b5 Be6 12.Qa4 Nd7 13.Ba3 Nxc5 14.Qd4 b6 15.Na4 Kf7 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Bxc5 Qg5 18.g4 Qxg4 19.Qe5 Rc8 20.h3 Qg5 21.Bd4 Nf6 22.Qh2 Gabriel,C (2578)-Korchnoi,V (2676) Zurich SUI 1999 [TonyK] 0-1 (32)]
8.Nxc6± White is better. **8...bxc6**



9.Nc3N 0.30/17
[9.f3!± 0.83/18 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.g3 Qe7 13.Bg2 Be6 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.Bb2 h5 16.0-0-0 h4 17.Rhf1 hxg3 18.hxg3 Rh2 19.Rxf6 gxf6 20.Bxe4 a5 21.Bxc6 Qe6 22.Bxd7+ Qxd7 23.b5 Kf7 24.Rf1 Savanovic,A-Rodshtein,M European Championship, Budva 2009 [Neil McDonald] ½-½ (47) Be7 25.Qc4+ Qe6 26.Nd5 Rd8 27.e4 Rh6 28.c6 Rg6 29.Qxd3 Rg4 30.Rf4 Rxf4 31.gxf4 Rh8 32.Nxc7 Rh1+ 33.Kc2 Qg4 34.Qd5+ Kf8 35.Ne6+ Kg8 36.Ng5+ Kh8 37.Qd7 Qd1+ 38.Kd3 Qb1+ 39.Kc3 /A.Savanovic-Rodshtein, M European Championship, Budva 2009 Starting Out: The Rŭti [Neil McDonald] ½-½ (47) Bb4+ 40.Kb3 Qd1+ 41.Kc4 Qc2+ 42.Kd5 Qxb2 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Qf7+ Kh8 45.Qe8+ Kg7 46.Qf7+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ ½-½ (47) IA Savanovic-Rodshtein,M Budva 2009 Starting Out: The Réti [Neil McDonald]]
9...f5= 10.g4 -0.34/20
[10.f3!= 0.28/17]
10...Nf6!∓ 11.gxf5 Bxf5 12.Bb2 -0.36/18
[12.Bg2= 0.00/19 feels stronger.]
12...Qe7 0.55/15
[12...Rb8∓ -0.36/18]
13.Rg1 -0.46/17
[13.Bg2± 0.55/15]
13...g6 Strongly threatening ...Bg7.
14.b5? -1.95/19
[14.Qa4!= -0.16/16 Qe6 15.Bg2 *(15.Nd5 Qxd5 16.Bxf6 Rg8∓)*]
14...Rb8 15.Qa4 -2.39/16
[⌓15.Bg2 -1.87/16 Bg7 16.a4]
15...Bg7-+
[Not 15...Qxc5

(Diagram)



16.Nxe4! Nxe4 17.Bxh8±]

16.Qxa7 0-0 17.b6

[17.a4 Ng4 18.Rg3 Ra8]

17...Nd7

[Stronger than 17...Qxc5 18.Ba3 Qxb6 19.Qxb6 cxb6 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Rc1∓]

18.Qxc7 Rfc8 19.Qd6 -3.86/17

Now White is beyond hope.

[19.Qa7∓ -1.52/17 Rf8 20.Qc7]

19...Qxd6 20.cxd6 Rxb6 21.Bc1 Bxc3 22.dxc3 Ne5 White must now prevent ... Nf3+.

[But not 22...c5? 23.Rg5-+]

23.Bg2 c5 24.Bd2 Rb2 25.Rb1 -#7/17

[25.Bh1-+ -4.74/18]

25...Rxb1+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.27 (precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2608**

■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2699**

Titled Tuesday intern op 12th Mar Late b..

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Qd7 7.Bb5 c6! 8.Bc4 The position is equal. **8...dxe3** 0.34/19

[8...Ne7!= 0.00/18 was preferrable.]

[8...Na6 9.exd4 e4 10.b5 Nb4 11.a3 exf3 12.axb4 Qxd4 13.d3 Qe5+ 14.Be3 fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.bxa5 Nd5 18.d4 Qxh2 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6 Be7 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.Rxa4 0-0 23.Ra8 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2766) Paris Rapid & Blitz 2019 [David Cummings] 1-0 Re8 24.Kd2 Kf8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8 27.Bf4 Ba5+ 28.Kd1 1-0 (28) Duda,J-Grischuk,A Paris 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

9.fxe3± Qg4 10.Qb3N -1.15/17

[10.b5!= 0.27/16 e4 11.Nd4 Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bxc5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 Qxh2 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Nf2 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Kf8 19.Rc1 Chapter-Advance Variation D4 e) 6... Qd7 7.Bb5 c6 8.Bc4 dxe3]

10...a4 11.Qc2

[11.Bf7+ Ke7 12.Qc4 Qxg2!∓]

11...Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bg4 -0.26/17

[Black should try 12...Nh6!∓ -0.93/16 Strongly threatening ...Ng4. 13.Rf2 Qh3]

13.Be2= Ne7 0.55/16

[Better is 13...Nd7∓ -0.33/16]

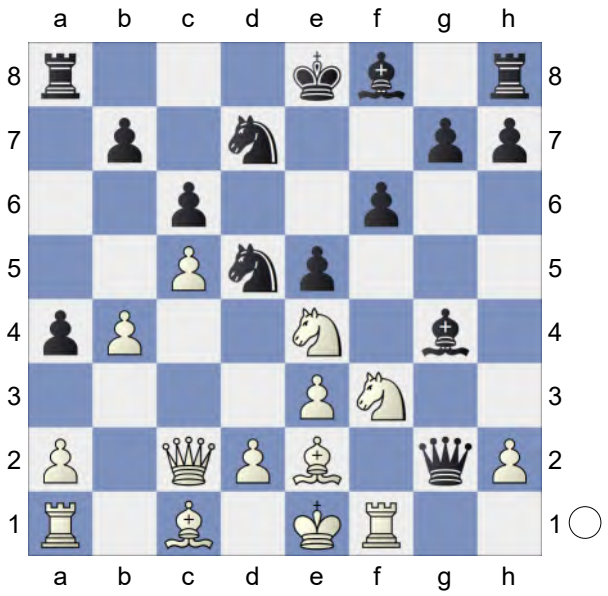
14.Nc3!± Nd7 1.08/16

[14...Ng6± 0.38/16]

15.Ne4!± Nd5 2.40/17

[15...f5± 1.08/16 is a better defense.

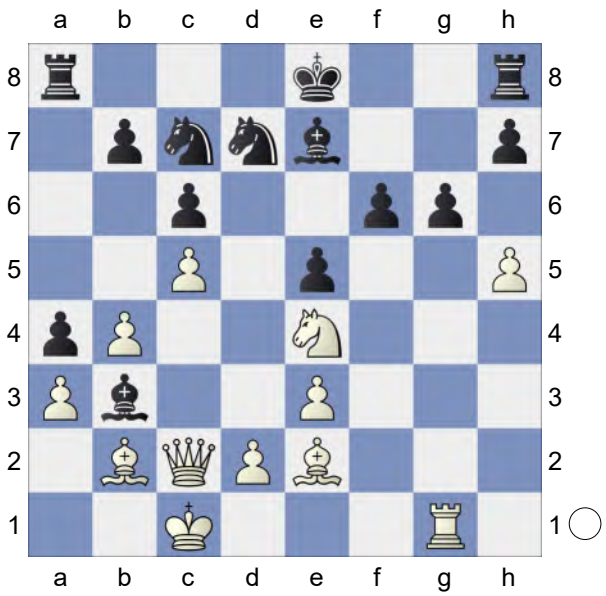
16.Nd6+ Kd8]



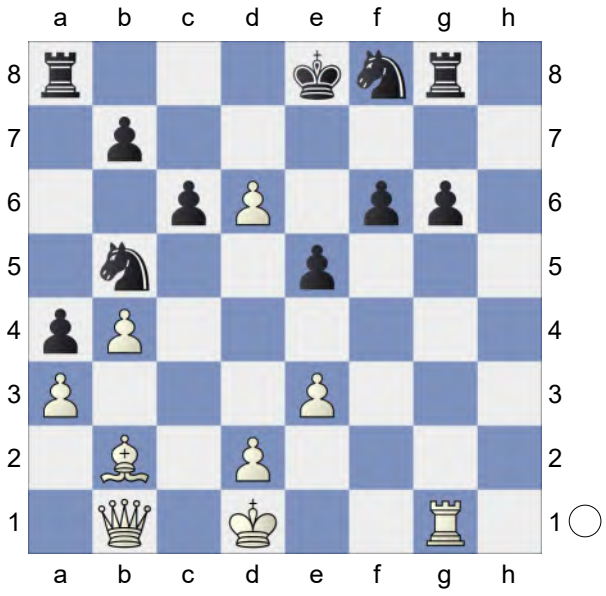
16.Rg1!+- Bxf3
[16...Nxb4? 17.Qb1 Bxf3 18.Rxg2 Bxg2 19.Qxb4+-]
[16...Qh3 17.Nf2]
17.Rxg2 Bxg2 18.a3 Be7 19.Bb2 White has strong compensation.
19...Bh3 2.28/18
[19...f5 1.73/15 was worth a try.]
20.0-0-0 Be6 21.Rg1 g6 22.h4 Nc7 2.20/15
[⌓22...f5 1.69/14]
23.h5 Bb3

(Diagram)

24.Qb1 Rg8 2.04/20
[24...0-0-0 1.69/16 might work better. 25.Nc3 *(25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Bd1 Rh4±)* 25...f5]
25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Nd6+ 0.48/15
[26.Bd1+- 1.84/18]
26...Bxd6± 27.cxd6 Nb5 28.Bd1 0.14/17
[But not 28.Rxg6 Nxd6 29.Rxg8+ Bxg8±]
[28.Bxb5± 0.52/17 is superior. cxb5



29.Rxg6]
28...Bxd1= 29.Kxd1 -0.18/21
[⌓29.Rxd1 0.17/21 Nxd6 30.d4]
29...Nf8? 1.78/18
[29...g5= -0.18/21]



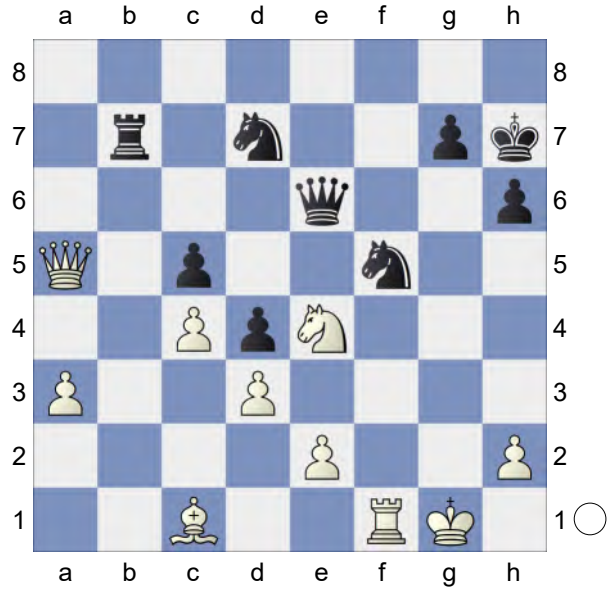
30.Qd3 0.39/20
[White has to play 30.Qa2!+- 1.78/18 Rg7 31.Rf1]
30...0-0-0± 31.Qc2 Rxd6 0.66/17
[⌓31...Nd7 0.31/19]
32.Qxa4 Rh8 0.90/17
[32...Nc7!± 0.47/18]

33.Qa8+± Kc7 34.Rg2 0.31/20
[34.Kc1± 0.85/19]
34...Rd8± Prevents Qe8. **35.Qa5+ Kc8** 0.91/15
[35...b6= 0.13/20 remains equal. 36.Qa4 g5]
36.a4± Nc7 37.Kc2 0.52/21
[37.Qa7± 0.90/17]
37...Rd5 Prevents b5. **38.Qa7 g5 39.Rf2 Nd7 40.e4 Rd6 41.d4?** -1.92/19
[41.Qe3= 0.00/20]
41...c5 White must now prevent ...Ra6.
42.b5 Inhibits Ra6.
[Don't go for 42.dxc5? Ra6 43.Qxa6 Nxa6-+]
42...exd4 Hoping for ...d3+. **43.e5?** -3.90/16
[43.Rf1 -1.69/15]
43...fxe5-+ 44.Rf7 -5.95/18
[44.Ba3 -3.86/18 was called for. Rh3 45.Bxc5 Nxc5 46.Qxc5 Rc3+ 47.Qxc3 dxc3 48.Rf8+ Rd8 49.Rf5]
44...e4 Threatens to win with ...d3+. Black is clearly winning. **45.Kb3 e3 46.b6** -9.16/15
[⌓46.Bc1 -4.83/16]
46...Rxb6+ 47.Ka2 Ra6 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.33
0-1

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2596**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2731**
Titled Tue 20th Feb Late blitz (5) 20.2.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.bxc5N -0.57/18
[6.Bg2!= 0.28/16 e5 7.0-0 cxb4 *(7...Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1* Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½ *)* 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/ Primel,D] 1-0 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7 Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5 0-1 (28) Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander]]
6...e5∓ 7.Bg2 Bxc5 8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.d3 Nc6 10.Ba3 Nd7** -0.39/17
[10...Nb4!∓ -0.93/19]
11.Nfd2 b6 12.Ne4 Bb7 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.Nd2 Rfb8 15.Rb1 a5 16.Bc1 Nb4 0.10/17
[16...a4∓ -0.39/18]
17.Bxb7!= Rxb7
[17...Qxb7? 18.a3±]
18.Rb2
[18.a3!?]
18...Rab8 0.14/20
[18...a4 -0.28/22 was preferrable.]
19.Qa4 -0.96/21
[19.g4= 0.14/20]
19...Nb6∓ 20.Qd1
[Don't blunder 20.Qxa5? Ra7 21.Qb5 Na4 22.Rxb4 cxb4-+]
20...h6 -0.18/18 &Nero is more active.
[20...Qc6∓ -0.73/22 aiming for ...Na4.

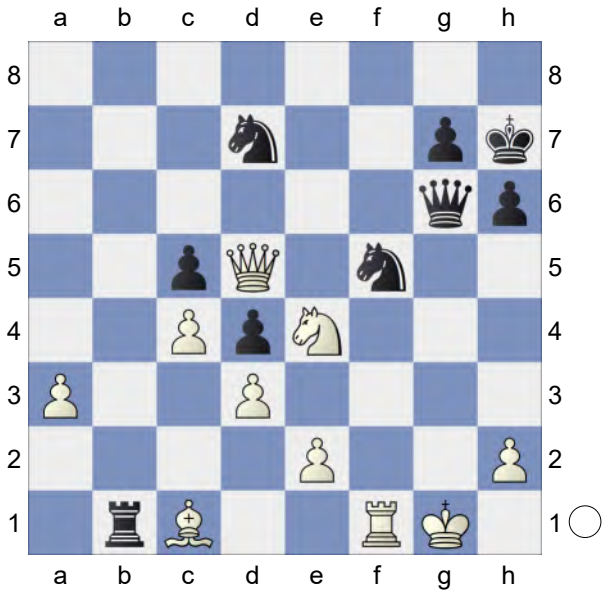
21.a3 Na6]
21.a3= Nc6 22.Ne4 Nd7 0.06/18
[22...Ne7∓ -0.39/18]
23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.g4! Ne7 25.f4 f5 0.58/17
[25...Rb1= -0.12/18]
26.gxf5± Nxf5 27.fxe5! Qxe5 28.Qa4 And now Qc6 would win. **28...Qe6** Prevents Qc6. **29.Qxa5 Kh7**



30.Qa8!
[Much weaker is 30.Nxc5?! Nxc5 31.Qxc5 Rf7=]
30...Rb1 31.Qd5 Qg6+ 1.79/22
[31...Qxd5± 1.06/19 might work better. 32.cxd5 Ne7]

(Diagram)

32.Ng3? -0.70/21
[White must play 32.Ng5+!+- 1.79/22 hxg5 33.Qxd7]
32...Nxg3∓ Chess con chili. **33.hxg3 Rxc1** 0.00/22 **34.Rxc1= Qxg3+ 35.Kf1?** -3.54/25
[35.Kh1= 0.00/22 and White has nothing to worry.]
35...Qf4+-+ 36.Kg2 Black must now



prevent Qe4+. **36...Nf6** Prevents Qe4+.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.23 (precise)
[Not 36...Qxc1 37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qxd7=]
0-1

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2596**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
Titled Tue 20th Feb Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.b5! Bxc5 8.Bc4! Ne7 9.exd4! exd4 10.0-0N -0.76/18
[10.Ba3!= 0.19/18 Na6 *(10...Bxa3 11.Nxa3 Bg4 12.Nxd4 Nd7 13.Nac2 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.0-0 a4 16.Qc3 0-0-0* 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 d4 Chapter 5: Opening Preparation - 1 c4 a 2021 [Fitzsimons,David]) 11.0-0 Nb4 12.Re1 *(12.d3 Bf5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.Nbd2 0-0-0 16.Nh4 Bg6 17.Re1 Ned5 18.Ndf3 Nf4*

19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc1 Nbd5 21.Re4 Rde8 22.g3 Nh3+ 23.Kg2 Nxf2 24.Bxd5 Nxe4 25.dxe4 Qd7 26.h4 Qg4 Enoch (2476)-Ferri,S (2587) Cleveland 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Pare, Osbun] ½-½ (60) *27.Qd3 g5 28.Nh2 Qh5 29.Qf3 gxh4 30.Qxh5 Rxh5 31.Bf7 Rhh8 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.gxh4 Rxe4 34.Nf3 Kd7 35.Bd2 c6 36.Re1 Rxe1 37.bxc6+ Kxc6 38.Nxe1 Kd5 39.Kf3 Kc4 40.h5 a4 41.Ke2 b5* Demuth,A (2476)-Duda,J (2587) Ruzomberok 2014 [Kosten, Tony] ½-½ (60) *)* 12...Bg4 13.d3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kf8 15.Nd2 Ned5 *(15...Ng6 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Ng3 Ne5 18.Rxe5 fxe5 19.Re1 g6 20.Rxe5 Kg7 21.Bb2 c5 22.Qd1 Rf8 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bg5 Qd7 25.Re4 h6 26.Bc1 Rae8 27.Qd2 Qh3 28.Qe2 Rxe4 29.Qxe4 Qd7 30.Qh4* Claridge,J (2320)-Bergmann,M (2341) Lechenicher SchachServer 2014 Fernschach 2024 [Harding,Tim] ½-½ *)* 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Qb3 c6 18.Ng3 Qd7 19.Re4 h5 20.Rae1 Bc5 21.Rc1 h4 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Ne2 Rh6 24.Nxd4 Rg6+ 25.Kf1 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Chapter 9 - 5...c6 6.Bg5 dxc4 (2524)-11. ♕a4 dc4 12. ♕c4 (2520) Leiden 2016 CYB 12 [Milyutin, Grodzensky] ½-½]

10...Bg4!∓ Threatens to win with ...Bxf3.

11.Ba3 Nd7 12.Re1 -1.35/18

[⌓12.Be2 -1.03/19]

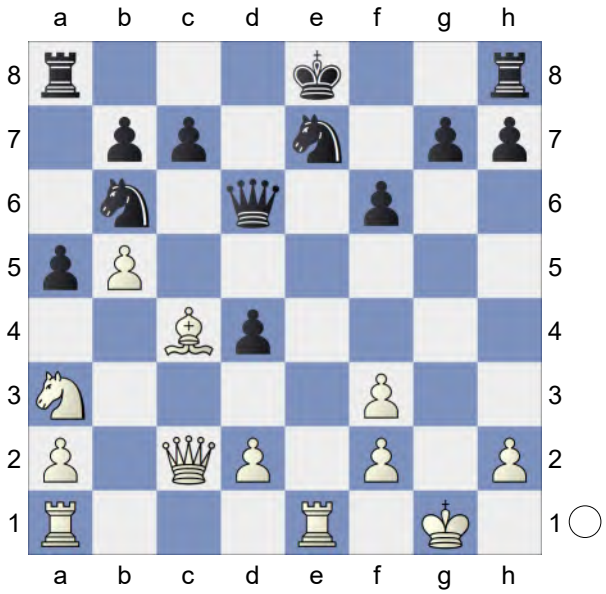
12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nb6 -0.34/20

14.Qc2∓ Bxa3 0.25/17

[14...Bd6∓ -0.50/19]

15.Nxa3= Qd6

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...0-0-0. **16.Be6** And now Rac1! would win. White has compensation. **16...d3**

[16...Qxa3? 17.Qxc7 Qxf3 18.Qxb6+-]

17.Qc3 aiming for Rac1. **17...Na4** Pair of Knights! **18.Qc4 Nc5 19.Bh3?** -1.83/19

[19.b6!= 0.23/21 and White is okay. c6 20.Qg4]

19...b6!-+ 20.Re3 -2.71/18

[⌓20.Nb1 -1.78/19]

20...Kf8! 21.Rae1 Nd5 22.Re6 Nxe6 23.Rxe6 Qc5

[Not 23...Qxa3 24.Qxd5 Rb8 25.Qc6±]

24.Qe4

(Diagram)

Rd8!

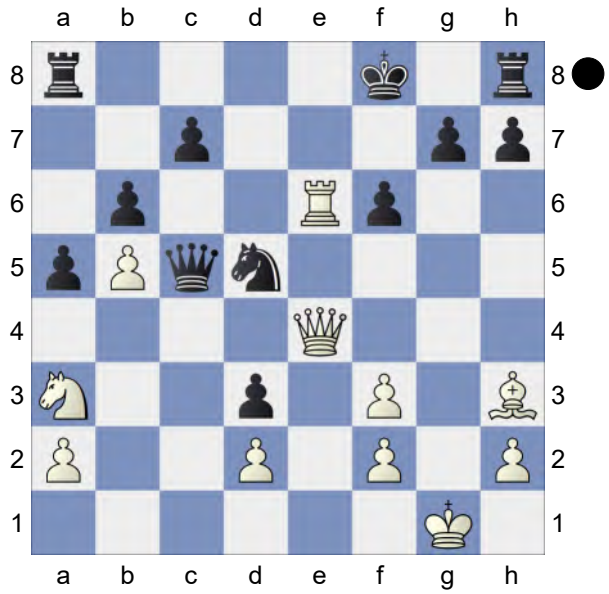
[24...Qc1+ 25.Kg2 Rd8 26.Nc4∓]

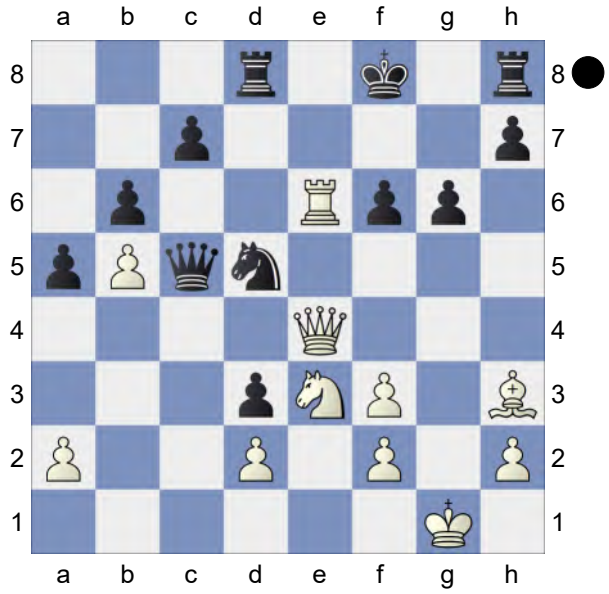
25.Nc4 g6? -1.09/14

[25...Qxb5-+ -3.14/15 has better winning chances. Hoping for ...Kf7. 26.Ne3 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Re8]

26.Ne3∓

(Diagram)



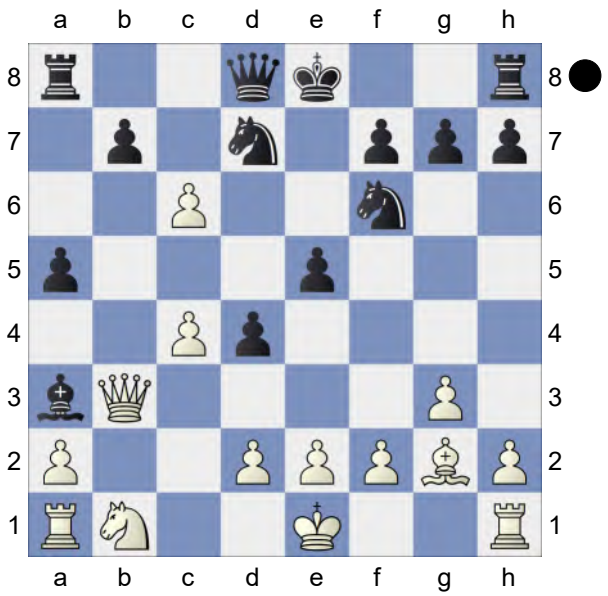


Kg7 0.00/23
[26...Qxb5 27.Qh4 Qb2 28.Nxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxf6+ Kg7 30.Re6=]
[26...Nxe3!∓ -1.36/17 27.fxe3 Qg5+ 28.Bg2 Kg7 29.Re7+ Kh6]
27.Rc6!= Qxb5 28.Rxc7+ Decoy **28...Nxc7 29.Qe7+ Kh6 30.Ng4+! Kg5 31.Qxf6+ Kh5 32.Ne5** 0.00/20
[Better is 32.Ne3!± 0.52/22]
32...Rhf8 Black had all chances to win.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) . Loss on time!?
0-1

A09
□ **Amin,B** **2682**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2665**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2023 (1.4) 16.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.Qb3 Nf6
[4...c6 5.Ne5 Bf5 6.Bb2 f6 7.Nf3 e5 8.e3 c5 9.bxc5 Nc6 10.exd4 exd4 11.Bd3 Qe7+ 12.Kd1 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0-0 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Nc2 Nh6 16.h3 Nf7 17.Ba3 g5 18.Rb1 h5 19.Qb3 Eljanov,P (2761)-Mamedyarov,S (2756) Plovdiv 2010 CI1-130 [Stohl] (52)]
[4...Bxf3 5.Qxf3 c6 6.g3 e5 7.Qb3 a5 8.b5 a4 9.Qc2 Bc5 10.Bg2 Ne7 11.0-0 0-0 12.d3 Nd7 13.Nd2 f5 14.Rb1 Nf6 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Rb7 Ng6 18.Bh3 Ne7 19.e3 Shabani (2612)-4.♘e4 ♘d7 5.♘g5 (2506) Austria AUT 2019 Blackburne [Martz,W] 0-1 (40)]
5.g3 Bxf3N
[5...a5 6.b5 a4 7.Qd3 c5 8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qc2 e6 11.d3 Be7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.g4 Bg6 14.Nh4 Roos-Dgebuadze,A 12.♘e5 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]
6.Qxf3 c6 7.Bg2 e5 8.Qb3 0.19/20
[8.b5± 0.55/18]
8...Nbd7= 9.Ba3 -0.18/19
[9.0-0± 0.33/18]
9...a5 10.b5 Bxa3 11.bxc6 -0.07/20
[⌓11.Qxa3 0.27/21 cxb5 12.cxb5]

(Diagram)



11...bxc6! 12.Qxa3 Ra6 13.0-0 Qe7 14.d3 Qb4 Prevents c5. **15.Qc1! 0-0 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Rb1 Qf8 18.Qc2** 0.00/21

[18.Rxb8± 0.31/20 Qxb8 19.Qc2]

18...Rb4 19.Nb3 Nc5 20.a3 Rbb6 21.Nd2 g6 22.h3 Qd6 23.Rxb6 Rxb6 24.Rb1 Rxb1+ 25.Qxb1 Qc7 Inhibits Qb6. **26.Qc2 Kg7 27.Nb3 Nfd7 28.h4 Nxb3 29.Qxb3 Nc5 30.Qc2 h5 31.Kh2 Qd6 32.Qd1 Qc7** 0.44/21

[32...Qf6= 0.00/26 is more appropriate.]

33.Qh1± Na4! 34.Bxc6 Nc3 35.a4 -0.23/21

[35.Bf3± 0.46/22]

35...Nxe2= Threatening ...Nc3. **36.Bb5 Nc3 37.Qf3** Prevents e4. **37...Qe7 38.Kg2 f5** 0.00/22

[38...Qf6∓ -0.33/24]

39.Qa8

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent c5! The position is equal. **39...e4 40.c5!** Hoping for c6. **40...Nxb5 41.axb5 exd3** Endgame KQ-KQ **42.b6 d2**

[42...Qxc5? 43.b7 Qd5+ 44.Kh2+-]

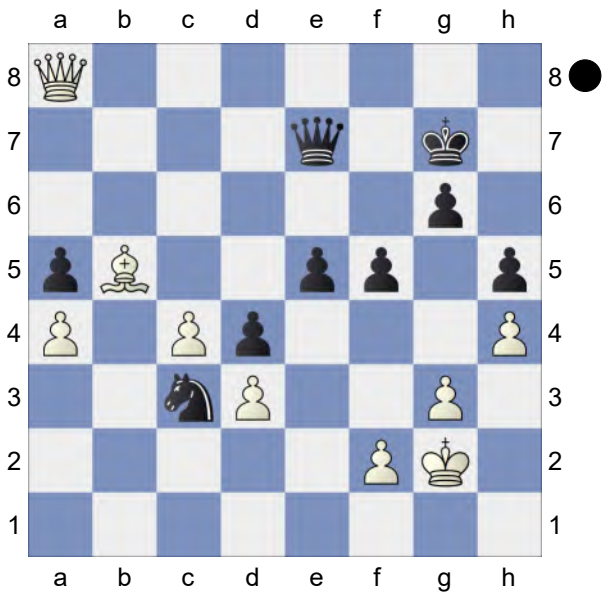
43.Qa7 Qxa7 44.bxa7 d1Q And now ...Qc2 would win. **45.a8Q** KQ-KQ **45...Qc2⇄** Black puts up resistance **46.c6 Qe4+ 47.Kh2** Strongly threatening Qa7+. **47...f4 48.Qa7+ Kf6 49.g4 hxg4** Threatens to win with ...Qe5. **50.c7 g3+ 51.fxg3 Qe2+ 52.Kh3 Qe6+ 53.Kg2 Qe2+ 54.Kh3 Qf1+**

[Wrong is 54...Qe6+? 55.Kh2 Qe2+ 56.Kh3-+]

55.Kg4 Qe2+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½



A09

□ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2622**

■ **Ter Sahakyan,S** **2644**

St Louis Spring A (9.2) 19.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Nbd7N 0.38/21

[5...cxb4= 0.06/18 6.Bxd4 Bg4]
[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58)
Nf8 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bf5 Nh5 25.Nf1 Nd7 26.Qd1 Ra8 27.a3 b6 28.Nh3 Ra7 29.Re2 Nf8 30.Rh2 Qe7 31.g4 Nf4 32.Ng3 Nxh3 33.Rxh3 Ne6 34.Rh2 Rf8 35.Qf1 7.♗e2 e6 8.h3 (2438)-Weber,S (2425) Washington 2020 CYB 12 [FS 1972 p36?] 1-0 (58)]
[5...Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]

6.b5 -0.36/23
[6.Bg2± 0.38/21]
6...e5 White must now prevent ...e4.
7.d3 Bd6 8.Bg2 Black is slightly better.
8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.a4 a5 0.36/16
[10...a6∓ -0.41/19]
11.e4 -0.18/18
[11.Qc2± 0.36/16]
11...Nf8 0.69/18
[11...dxe3!= -0.18/18 12.fxe3 e4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Nb6]
12.Qe2± b6
[12...Bg4 13.h3 Bd7 14.Nh4=]
13.0-0-0 Ra7
[13...Bg4 14.h3 Bd7 15.Kc2∓]
14.Kc2 g6
[14...Bg4 15.h3 Bd7 16.Nh4=]
15.Bc1 Nh5
[15...Bg4 16.Nb3=]
16.h4 Ne6
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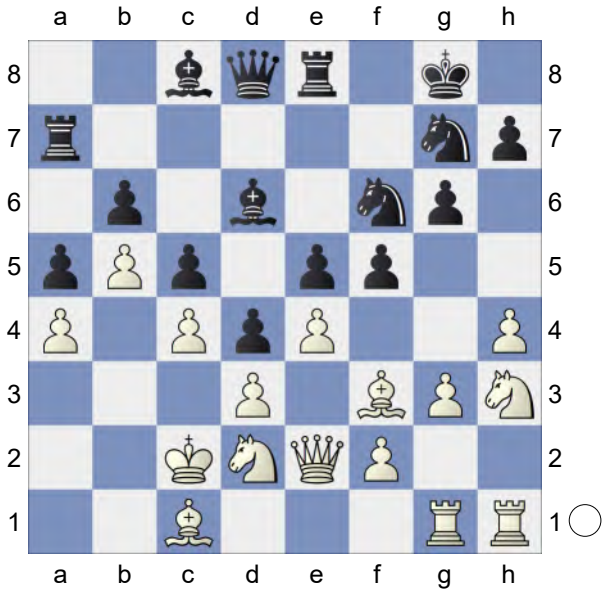
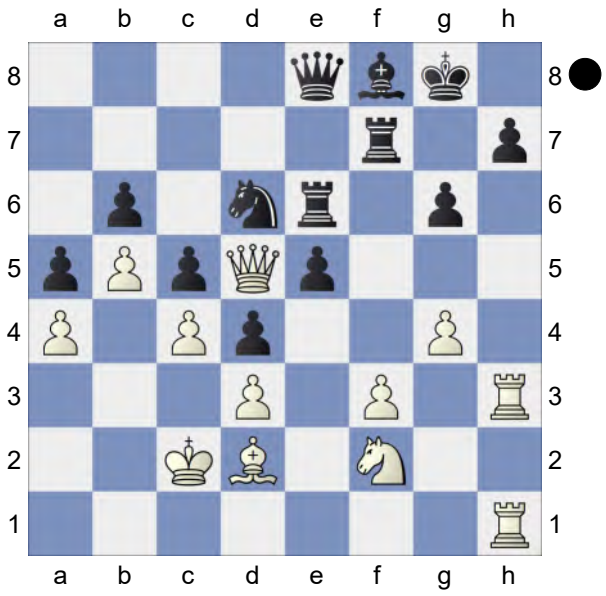
17.Ng5 Neg7 18.Rdg1 f6 19.Nh3 f5 20.Bf3 Nf6



21.h5! fxe4 1.60/19
[21...Nfxh5?! 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.g4±]
[⌓21...Ngxh5 0.99/22 22.exf5 Bxf5]
22.Nxe4± Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Nxh5 24.Bc6 1.02/16
[⌓24.Bg5 1.50/19 Qc7 25.Bd5+ Be6 26.Bc6]
24...Bd7 25.Bd5+ 1.05/14
[White should play 25.Be4 1.53/21]
25...Be6 Strongly threatening ...Bxd5.
26.Bxe6+
[26.Bg5?! Qc8 27.Bc6 Bd7 28.Bd5+ Be6=]

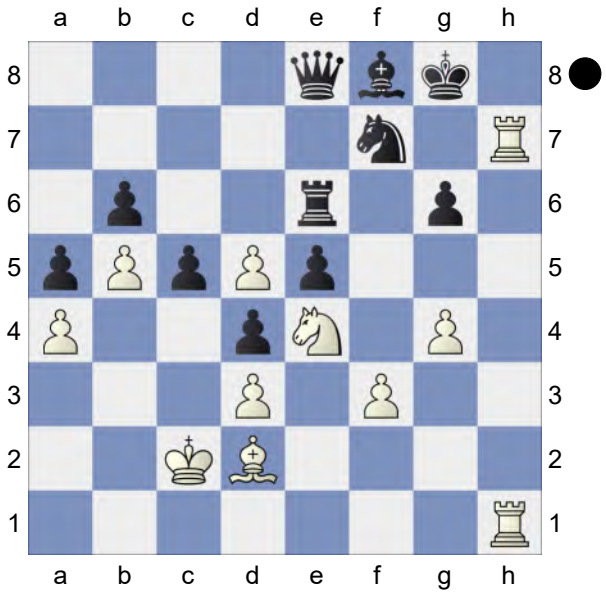
26...Rxe6 27.g4 Nf6 28.f3 Prevents e4. White has strong compensation.
28...Qe8 29.Nf2 0.86/19
[⌓29.Ng5 1.20/18]
29...Rf7 30.Rh3 0.30/20
[30.Nh3± 1.14/18]
30...Bf8 0.81/19
[30...e4!= 0.30/20 remains equal. 31.dxe4 Qb8]
31.Rgh1 Qd7 32.Bg5 Ne8 33.Qe4 0.27/22
[Reject 33.Ne4 Nd6∓]
[33.Bd2± 0.60/19 is superior.]
33...Nd6 34.Qd5 Qe8 Hoping for ...e4!
35.Bd2? -2.31/23
[35.Re1= 0.16/21 and White stays safe.]



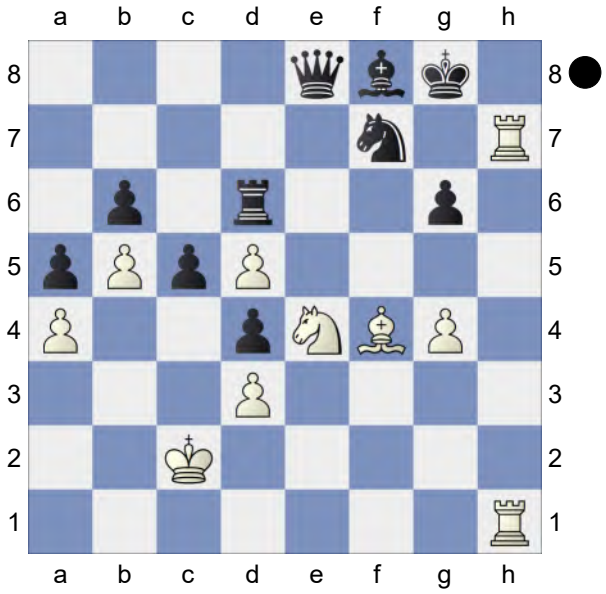
35...Rd7!-+ 36.Ne4 Nf7 37.Rxh7 -4.11/17
[⌓37.Qxd7 -2.74/16 Qxd7 38.Rxh7]
37...Rxd5 38.cxd5

(Diagram)

Rd6 39.f4
[39.Kd1 Qa8]
39...exf4 Black is clearly winning.



40.Bxf4



Bg7! 41.Nxd6
[Of course not 41.Bxd6 Nxd6 42.Rxg7+ Kxg7]
[41.Re1 Qd7]
41...Qe2+ 42.Kc1 Qf3 43.Ne8 Qxf4+ 44.Kb1 Be5 ...Qd2 is the strong threat.
45.d6 Bxd6 46.g5 Be5 Prevents Nf6+. What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2639**
World-chT Rapid (10) 28.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.d3 e5 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4! 8.Qd3 is better than 8.0-0.8.Dd3 ist besser als 8.0-0. **8...a5 9.b5 c5 10.Ra2** White is slightly better. **10...Nf5N** 0.99/19
[10...h6 0.85/17 10...Ra7 0.54 11.e3 Be6 1.23/18 *(⌓11...dxe3* 0.76/17 *12.fxe3 Be6)* 12.exd4± cxd4 13.Re2 Nd7 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rfe1 g5 16.Nbd2 Ng6 Prevents h4. 17.Ne4 Bf8 18.Bxf8 0.89/16 *(⌓18.Nd6* 1.24/19 *)* 18...Rxf8± 19.Qc1 0.53/17 *(19.c5±* 1.02/16 *)* 19...Bf5 1.75/21 *(19...Kg7!±* 0.53/17 *)* 20.Nfd2 1.03/19 *(20.Nd6!+-* 1.75/21 *Bxd3 21.Rd2)* 20...Bg4± 21.Nd6 Qc7 22.Qa3 0.28/18 *(22.c5±* 0.63/19 was preferrable.*)* 22...Bxe2 0.78/18 *(22...Rab8=* 0.28/18 keeps the balance. *)* 23.Rxe2± Qc5 24.Qxc5 Nxc5 25.Nxb7 Nxd3 1.45/19 *(⌓25...Nxa4* 0.94/18 *26.Nb1 Kg7)* 26.Nb3± f5 27.Bd5+ 0.57/21 *(27.Rd2+-* 1.72/18 *Nb4 28.Nd6)* 27...Kh8 1.21/18 *(27...Kh7!±* 0.57/21 *)* 28.N7xa5 -0.04/21 *(28.Nd6!±* 1.21/18 *)* 28...Nc1? 2.31/21 *(28...Ra7=* -0.04/21 and Black is okay.*)* 29.Nxc1+- Rxa5 30.Ra2 Ne7 31.Nb3 Ra7 32.Bg2 Rb8 3.09/18 *(32...g4* 2.08/20 was called for. *33.b6 Rd7)* 33.a5 d3 34.g4 Nc8 35.gxf5 Nd6 36.Bd5 Nxb5 37.cxb5 Rxb5 38.Bc4 Rb4 39.Nd2 e4 40.a6]
[10...Ra7± 0.56/19 11.e3 dxe3 12.fxe3 b6 13.Nc3 Rd7 14.Ne1 f5 15.e4 f4 16.Raf2 64. Reversed Benoni Structure-3... g6,9 d5, d4 and f6: Reversed Benon]
[10...Nd7 11.e3 dxe3 12.fxe3 Qc7 13.Nc3 Nb6 14.Qe2 h6 15.Nd2 Be6 16.Ba3 Rab8 17.Nde4 Nd7 18.b6 Qxb6 19.Rb2 Qd8 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Bxc5 b6 22.Ba3 e4 23.Nxe4 f5 24.Nd6 Bxb2 25.Qxb2 Prochazka,O (2337)-Khusnutdinov,R (2139) Moscow 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson] 1-0 (36)]
11.e3± dxe3 12.fxe3 Be6 13.Nc3 Nd6
[13...h6 ½-½ Anton Guijarro,D (2674)-Karjakin,S (2760) FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2019 (5) 14.Re2 Nd7 15.Nd2 Ra7 16.Nb3 0.49/19 *(16.Nf3±* 0.85/19 *)* 16...b6 17.Nd5 Kh7 18.Ref2 f6 1.24/17 *(18...Nd6±* 0.69/16 *)* 19.Qe2 0.83/16 *(⌓19.Rxf5!* 1.24/17 Strongly threatening R5f2. *Bxf5 20.Ba3)* 19...Nb8 2.25/20 *(19...Nd6±* 0.83/16 *)* 20.Bb2 1.33/18 *(20.Rxf5!+-* 2.25/20 aiming for R5f2. *Bxf5 21.Rxf5 gxf5 22.Bh3)* 20...Rd7± 21.Nc1 0.96/19 *(⌓21.Ba3* 1.34/17 *)* 21...Rdf7 1.54/21 *(⌓21...Nd6* 0.96/19 *)*
A) ⌓22.Rxf5! 1.54/21 Bxf5 *(22...gxf5 23.Bh3)* 23.Rxf5 gxf5 24.Bh3;
B) 22.Na2 0.92/22 22...Nd6± 23.Nac3 Nd7 24.e4 Re8 25.Ne3 Nf8 1.27/21 *(⌓25...Rh8* 0.94/20 *)* 26.Kh1 Bc8 27.Ncd5 h5 1.68/19 Inhibits Ng4. *(27...Ne6±* 1.00/20 *)* 28.Bc3 0.70/20 *(28.g4!+-* 1.68/19 *)* 28...Kg8 29.Qd1 Nh7 30.Qd2 Bh6 31.Qe2 Ref8 32.h4! Against Ng5 Ne8 33.Kh2 Ng7 34.Bb2 Qd6 35.Nd1 0.76/21 *(* White should play *35.Bh3* 1.18/19 *)* 35...Ne6 36.Bh3 Bb7 37.N1e3 Kg7? 3.60/18

(37...Nd4± 0.82/15 was necessary. 38.Qe1 Bg7) 38.Bc3? 0.81/17 (38.Nf5+!+- 3.60/18 and the rest is easy. gxf5 39.Bxf5) 38...Kg8? 2.62/20 (38...Nd4± 0.81/17 39.Qe1 Kh8) 39.Qe1? 0.79/16 (39.Nf5!+- 2.62/20 has better winning chances. gxf5 40.Qxh5) 39...Nd4± 40.Bd2 0.50/16 (Better is 40.Qd1± 0.82/18) 40...Bg7 1.31/19 (40...f5± 0.50/16) 41.Bc3 0.72/17 (⌓41.Qd1 1.31/19) 41...Re8 1.08/17 (⌓41...Bh6 0.72/17) 42.Ra2 0.72/18 (⌓42.Qc1 1.08/17) 42...Rff8 1.05/18 (Black should try 42...Bh6 0.72/18) 43.Raf2]

14.e4 h6 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Nh4 Qc8 1.03/17

[⌓17...b6 0.72/19]

18.Qc1 Nf6 19.b6N 0.40/19

[19.Qe1± 1.03/16]

19...Ng4± 20.Bd2 f5 21.exf5 gxf5 1.08/19

[21...Nxf5 22.Nxf5 Bxf5 (22...gxf5 1.25/17 22...Bxf5 0.57) 23.Ne4 Qd7]

[21...Nxf5± 0.51/16 22.Nxf5 Bxf5]

22.Nd5 e4 23.Bf4! Ne5 2.35/17

[23...Bd4+± 1.23/20 24.Kh1 Qd7]

24.dxe4+- Nxe4 3.10/18

[⌓24...fxe4 2.06/16 25.Qc2 Bxd5 26.cxd5 Kg8 27.Bxe4 Nxe4]

25.Bxe4 1.32/18

[25.Bxe5+- 3.10/18 and White stays clearly on top. Bxe5 26.Re2]

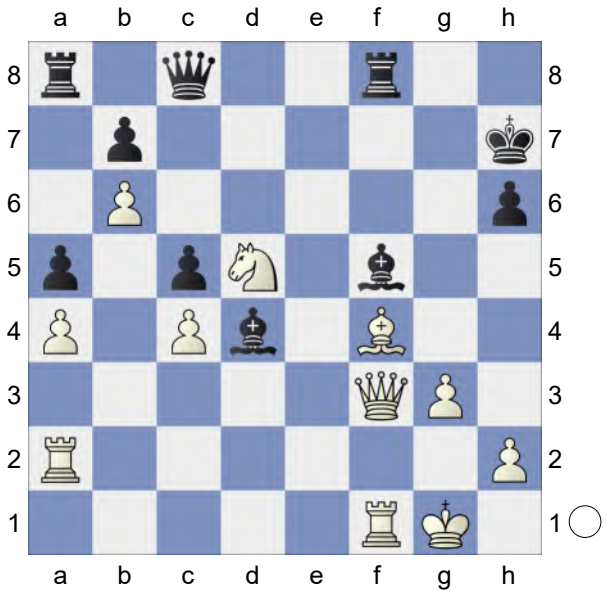
25...fxe4± 26.Qe1 Nf3+ 27.Nxf3 exf3 28.Qe4+ 0.50/15

[Resist 28.Rxf3?! Bd4+ 29.Raf2 Bxf2+ 30.Rxf2 Bxd5 31.cxd5 Qf5=]

[28.Rd2± 1.23/18 Black must now prevent Ne7. Bh3 29.Rxf3]

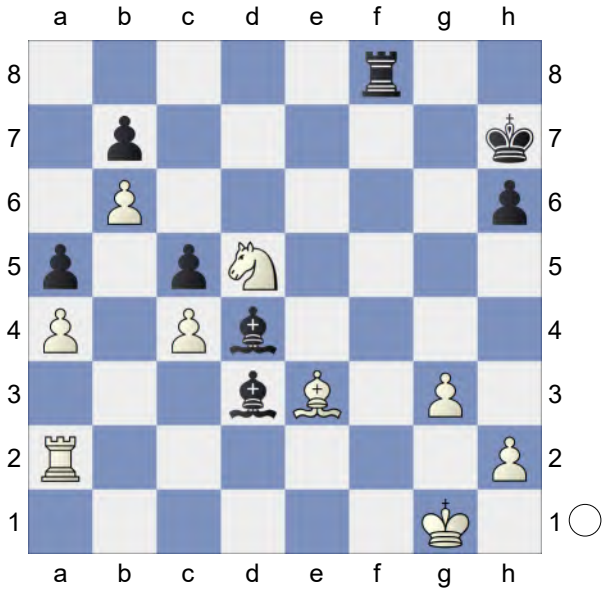
28...Bf5!± 29.Qxf3 Bd4+ 1.03/18

[29...Qc6± 0.58/18]



30.Be3!± &Bianco is more active.

30...Bd3 31.Qxf8 Qxf8 32.Rxf8 Rxf8



33.Bxd4! Bxc4 34.Rc2

[Much less strong is 34.Bxc5?! Bxa2 35.Bxf8 Bxd5±]

34...Bxd5 35.Rxc5 Endgame KRB-KRB **35...Be6 36.Be5** 0.78/19

[⌓36.Rxa5 1.47/19 Threatens to win with h4. Bh3 37.Bf2]

36...Rf5 1.95/18

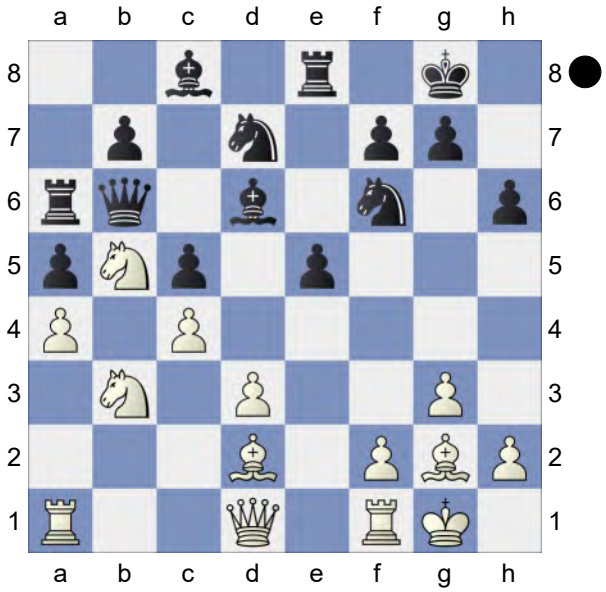
[36...Rd8± 0.78/19]

37.Rxa5+- Bd7 38.Rc5 And now Rc7!

would win. **38...Bxa4 39.Rc7+ Kg8 40.Bf4 Rf7 41.Bxh6 Bc6?** 5.67/21
[41...Bb3 2.65/20 42.h4 Rf6]
42.Bf4 2.43/20
[⌓42.Rc8+ 5.67/21 Kh7 43.Bf4]
42...Rd7 3.91/20
[⌓42...Bd5 2.43/20 43.h4 Rf5]
43.Kf2 Rxc6! is the strong threat. **43...Kf7 44.Ke3** White is clearly winning. **44...Ke6 45.h4** Vorgänger: **45...Re7 46.h5 Kf7+ 47.Be5 Rxc7 48.bxc7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.34. An unexpected result.
½-½

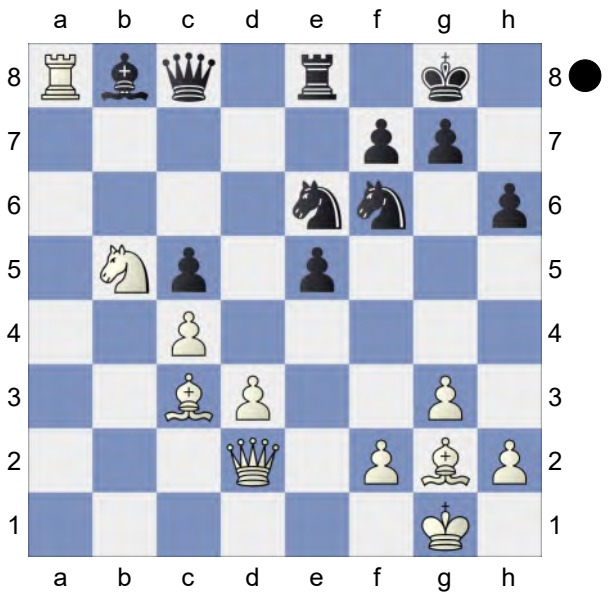
A09
□ **Yuffa,D** **2631**
■ **Dragnev,Valentin** **2566**
24th ch-EUR Indiv 2024 (7.10) 15.11.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Ngf6N
[6...Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Bd6 20.Ra7 b6 21.Qb5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]
7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Na3 -0.44/20
[10.Re1= -0.13/18 deserves consideration.]
10...h6∓ 11.e3 dxe3 0.28/17
[11...Re8∓ -0.45/17]
12.Bxe3= Re8 13.Nd2 a5 14.Nb3 0.00/25
[14.Nab1± 0.41/18]
14...Ra7 15.b6 Qxb6 16.Nb5 Hoping for Bd2. **16...Ra6 17.Bd2**



aiming for Bxa5. **17...Bb8! 18.Qe1 Qd8** 0.52/20
[18...Qe6= 0.05/19 feels stronger.]
19.Bxa5 -0.06/20
[19.Nxa5± 0.52/20 Qb6 20.Nb3]
19...b6 20.Bc3 Nf8 21.Qd2 Ne6 22.a5 bxa5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Nxa5 Strongly threatening Nc6. **24...Bd7** 0.49/18
[24...Qb6= 0.00/20]
25.Nc6± Bxc6 26.Bxc6 Re7 27.Ra1 Qc8 0.59/20
[27...Nd4= 0.27/22 28.Bxd4 exd4]
28.Bg2 This bishop pair is nice. **28...Re8 29.Ra8**

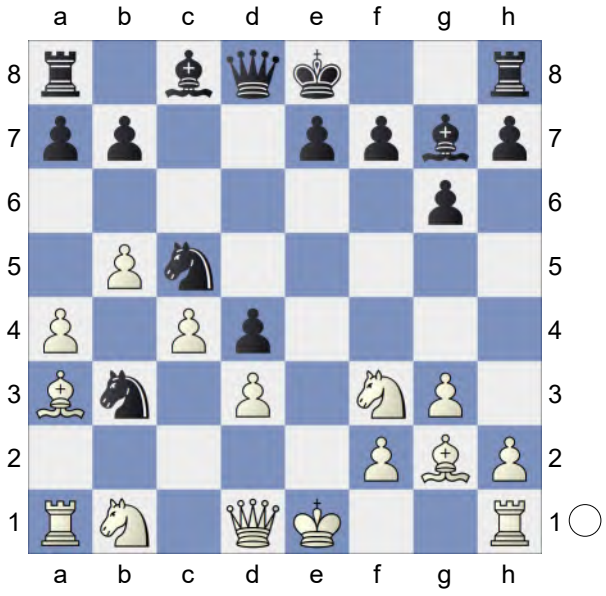
(Diagram)



Threatens to win with Bxe5! &Bianco is much more active. **29...Qd7 30.Qd1 Nd4 31.Bxd4** 0.12/18
[31.Nxd4± 0.51/20 exd4 32.Ba5]
31...exd4= 32.Bf3 g6 33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Qa4 Qf5 35.Qd1
[35.Nd6!? Bxd6 36.Rxe8 Nxe8 37.Qxe8∓]
35...Qd7 36.Ra6 The position is equal. **36...Re6 37.Qa1 h5 38.Rxe6**
[38.h4 with more complications. Rxa6 39.Qxa6 Qf5 40.Qb7]
38...Qxe6 39.Qa8 Qe5 40.h4 Bd6 41.Qc6 Bf8 42.Qc8 Qe1 43.Qc7 Qe6 44.Qf4 Be7 45.Na7 Bd6 46.Qg5 Qe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2679**
■ **Nakamura,Hi** **2768**
Titled Tue 10th Jan Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

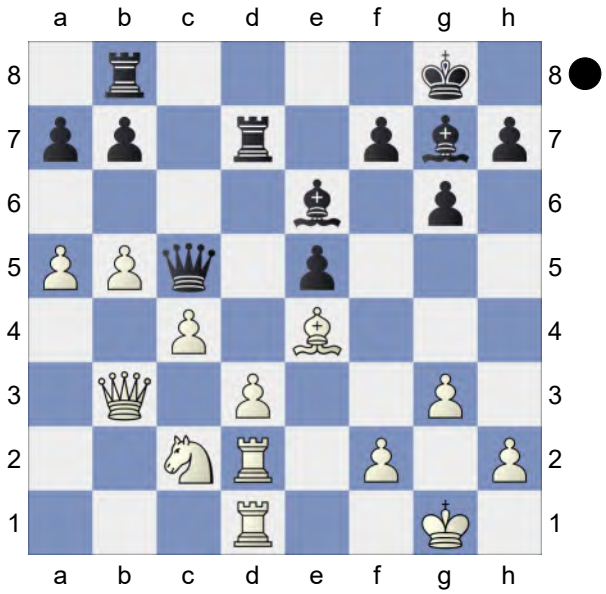
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.a3
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Nc6N
[4...f6 5.d3 e5 6.Qb3 *(6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nge7 13.e4 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qb3 a4 17.Qc4 Bd6 18.axb4 b5 19.Qa2 Qxh3 20.Na3 Rb8* A 09/04) 6...a5 7.b5 Bd6 8.g3 f5 9.Bg2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.e3 Kh8 13.Nh4 g6 14.Nd2 Kg7 15.e4 f4 16.gxf4 h6 17.fxe5 hxg5 18.exf6+ Qxf6 19.Nhf3 A 09/04]
5.b5 Na5 6.e3 -0.36/19
[White should try 6.d3± 0.34/18]
6...g6 0.12/19
[6...dxe3∓ -0.36/19 7.fxe3 g6]
7.exd4= Bg7 8.d3! White is slightly better. **8...cxd4 9.g3 Nf6 10.Bg2 Nd7 11.a4 Nc5 12.Ba3 Nab3**



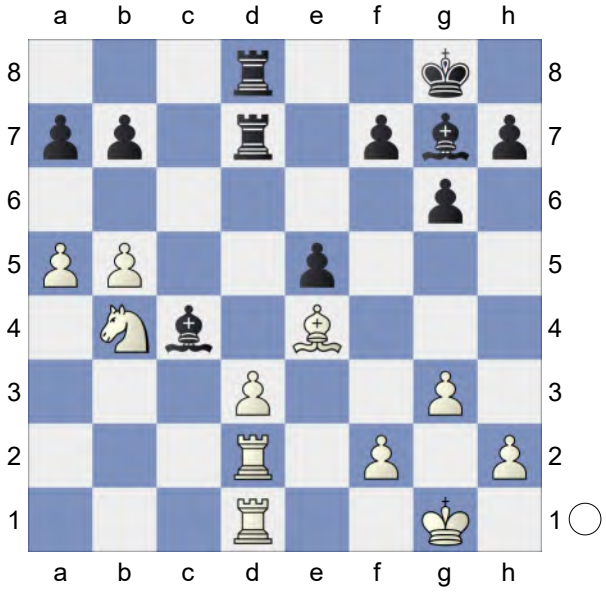
White must now prevent ...Nxd3+.
13.0-0! Qc7
[13...Nxa1? 14.Bxc5 Qc7 15.Bb4+- *(15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Qe5+-)*]
[13...0-0 14.Nbd2]
14.Ra2 Bf5 15.Ne1 0.62/18
[15.Nbd2± 1.15/20 Nxd2 16.Rxd2]
15...0-0± 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 Rab8 18.a5 0.32/17
[⌓18.f4 0.66/18]
18...Rfd8 1.02/16
[18...e5± 0.32/17]
19.Nc2 -0.27/18
[19.g4± 1.02/16 Bc8 20.f4]
19...Na4= 20.Bb4 -0.69/20
[⌓20.f4 -0.32/18]
20...e5 -0.36/19 &Nero is more active.
[20...Nb2 -0.69/20 deserves consideration. 21.Qe2 Nxd3 22.Rxd3 Qxc4]
21.Qa1!∓ Nc3 0.64/17
[21...Nc5= -0.25/21 22.Bxc5 Qxc5]
22.Bxc3± dxc3 23.Qxc3 Qc5 0.90/21
[23...Be6± 0.57/18 feels stronger.]
24.Rfd1 Bg4 25.Re1 Bf5 26.Be4 0.48/21
[26.Qb3± 0.88/17]
26...Be6 27.Qb3 -0.49/18
[Better is 27.Qb4± 0.65/21 Qxb4 28.Nxb4]
27...Rd7? 1.16/19
[Resist 27...Bxc4 28.Qc3 f5 29.dxc4±]
[27...f5!∓ -0.49/18 keeps the upper hand. 28.Bd5 Bxd5 29.cxd5 Qxd5]
28.Red1? -0.76/21
[28.Ne3± 1.16/19]

(Diagram)

28...Rbd8 0.00/19
[28...Bh6!∓ -0.76/21 Threatens to win with ...f5. 29.d4 Qxc4 30.Qxc4 Bxc4]



29.Qb4 Qxb4 0.67/15
[29...Bf8!= -0.21/20 30.Qxc5 Bxc5]
30.Nxb4 Bxc4

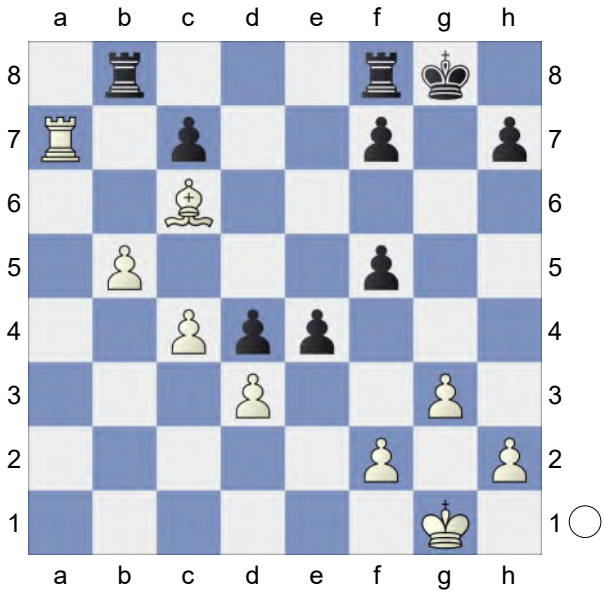


31.dxc4 -1.21/19
[31.Nc6!± 0.66/21 stays ahead. bxc6 32.bxc6]
31...Rxd2∓ 32.Rxd2 Rxd2 33.Bxb7= Endgame aiming for c5. KRB-KBN
33...Bf8 34.Nd5 -2.16/20
[34.Na6∓ -0.80/20 Rb2 35.Be4]
34...Bc5? -0.11/18

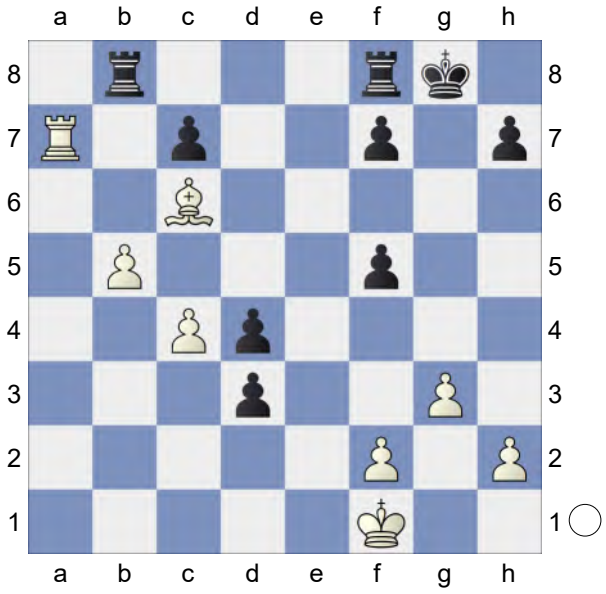
[34...Ra2-+ -2.16/20 35.Nf6+ Kg7]
35.b6? -3.54/19
[35.Nf6+= -0.11/18 Kf8 36.Ne4 Rd1+ 37.Kg2]
35...Rxf2-+
[Not 35...Bxf2+ 36.Kf1∓]
36.Nc7 Ra2+ Black is clearly winning.
37.Kf1 Rxa5 38.Na6 Bxb6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.38
0-1

A09
□ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2649**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
MrDodgy Inv 3 Finals blitz (2.8) 29.11.22
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 a5 5.b5 Bxf3 1.07/19
[Better is 5...Nd7!± 0.35/19]
6.exf3± Nd7 7.Bg2 e6 8.f4 White is better. **8...Nc5 9.0-0 Nf6 10.d3 Be7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nb3** 1.11/18
[White should try 12.Nf3+- 1.71/18]
12...Nfd7 1.50/18
[⌓12...Ra7 1.11/18]
13.Bb2N 0.97/21
[White should play 13.Nxd4 1.50/18 Nf3 is the strong threat. Nb6 *(13...Bf6 14.Be3 Qe7 15.Rc1 Qd6 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Bd4 18.Bxb7 Rad8 19.Bf3 Nc5 20.Re1 g6 21.Qc2 Qb6 22.Ra1 Rd6 23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Re3 Rfd8 25.Rd1 Qd6 26.Qc3 Qb6 27.h4 h5 28.Be2* Mareco,S (2606)-Nakamura,H (2789) Baku 2016 130 Games Section [Mareco,Sandro] ½-½ (70) *c6 29.bxc6 Qxc6 30.Ra1 Qb7 31.Rxa5 Qxb3 32.Qxb3 Nxb3 33.Ra3 Rb8 34.Ra7 Nc1 35.Bf1 Rb2 36.Re4 Rd8 37.Re1 Rc2 38.Ra1 Nb3 39.Rad1 Nd4 40.Kg2 Nf5 41.Rb1 Rd2 42.Kg1 Nd4 43.Red1* Chapter Mareco-Games Game 6 (70) *Ra2 44.Ra1 Rb2 45.Rdb1 Rc2 46.Ra3 Rd7 47.Rba1 Kg7 48.Kg2 Rb7 49.R3a2 Rc3 50.Rd1 Kf6 51.f3 Rbb3 52.Kf2 Nc6 53.g4 Nb4 54.Rad2 Nc6 55.Ra1 Nb4 56.Rad1 Ra3 57.Be2 Nc6 58.g5+* Miettinen,S (2606)-Osnos,V (2789) Budapest 2016 CBM 175 [Turnierbuch Kemeri 1937, 38] ½-½ (70) *)* 14.Be3]
13...Nxb3 14.axb3 Nc5 15.Re1 Qd7 1.98/22
[15...g6± 1.29/19 was necessary. 16.Re2 Qd7]
16.Ba3 Rab8 17.Re5 b6 18.Bc6 1.14/17
[18.f5+- 1.71/21]
18...Qd8 19.b4 Nd7 20.Re4 &Bianco is more active.
[20.Bxd7 axb4 21.Bxb4 Qxd7 22.Bxe7 Qxe7±]
20...Nf6 21.bxa5 Bxa3
[21...Nxe4?! 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.Bxe4 bxa5 24.Rxa5=]
22.Rxa3 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Strongly threatening a6. **23...bxa5 24.Bc6 e5 25.f5** 1.00/18
[⌓25.fxe5 1.51/20 Threatens to win with Qe2. Qe7 26.Rxa5]
25...Qf6 1.70/20
[25...g6± 1.00/18 might work better.]
26.Qf3 g6 27.Rxa5 0.31/17
[27.Be4± 1.34/20]
27...Qxf5±
[27...gxf5 28.Ra7±]
28.Qxf5 gxf5± Endgame KRR-KRB
29.Ra7 e4 0.81/25
[29...Rfc8= 0.29/22 remains equal.]



30.Kf1! exd3 1.93/24
[30...Rbc8± 0.79/18]



31.Ke1!+- Rfc8 3.35/23 This costs Black the game.
[31...Rbc8± 1.45/21]
32.Kd2 Kg7 33.Kxd3 Kf6 34.Kxd4 f4 35.Kc5 h5 36.Bd7 Ra8 37.Rb7
[37.Ra6+ Rxa6 38.bxa6 fxg3 39.fxg3 *(39.Bxc8 g2=)* 39...Ra8+-]
37...Rd8 38.Rxc7 Ra2 39.b6 Rxf2 40.b7 Rb8 41.Bc6 Rxh2 42.gxf4 Rb2 White is clearly winning. **43.Bd5 Rf8** 10.27/16
[⌓43...Kg6 4.68/15 44.Kd4 *(44.Bxf7+ Kf5+-)* 44...Rf2 45.f5+ *(45.Rxf7? Rd2+ 46.Ke4 Rxd5-+)* 45...Kg5]
44.Rc8 Kg7 45.Rxf8 Kxf8 46.Bc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2675**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
World Blitz 2022 (18.12) 30.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

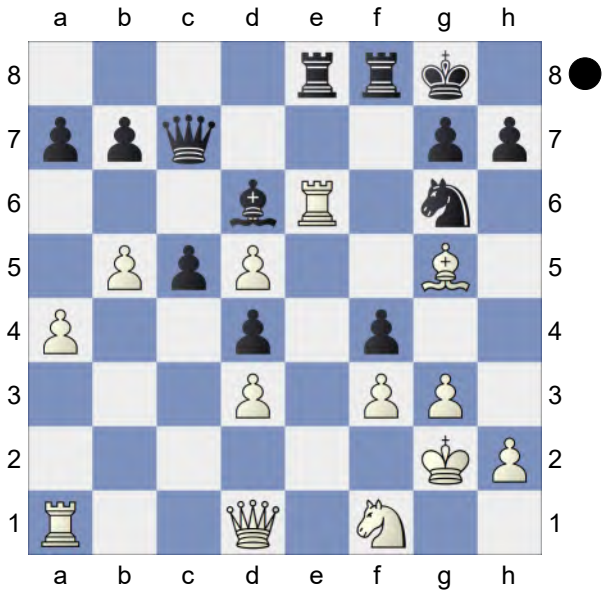
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.a3
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Nf6N
[4...f6 5.d3 e5 6.Qb3 *(6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nge7 13.e4 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qb3 a4 17.Qc4 Bd6 18.axb4 b5 19.Qa2 Qxh3 20.Na3 Rb8* A 09/04 *)* 6...a5 7.b5 Bd6 8.g3 f5 9.Bg2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.e3 Kh8 13.Nh4 g6 14.Nd2 Kg7 15.e4 f4 16.gxf4 h6 17.fxe5 hxg5 18.exf6+ Qxf6 19.Nhf3 A 09/04]
5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d3 White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.e3 Nc6** 0.36/18

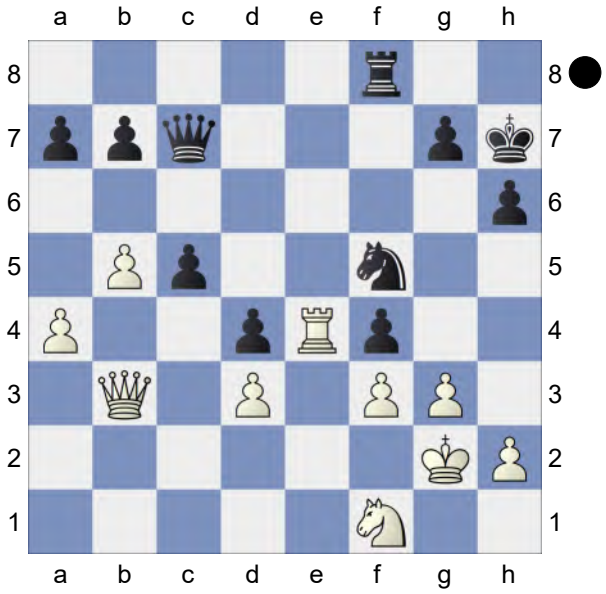
[9...dxe3!= -0.23/20 10.Bxe3 cxb4]
10.exd4!± exd4 11.Bg5 -0.39/21
[White should try 11.bxc5± 0.39/19 Bxc5 12.Nbd2]
11...Nd7 0.02/20
[11...cxb4∓ -0.39/21 was preferrable. 12.axb4 Bxb4]
12.b5!= Nce5 13.a4 -0.42/18
[13.Nxe5= 0.09/20 Nxe5 14.Nd2]
13...Nxf3+ 0.29/20
[13...Ng6!∓ -0.42/18]
14.Bxf3 -0.58/19
[White should play 14.Qxf3= 0.29/20 h6 15.Bf4]
14...Ne5↑ Black has good play. **15.Be4** -0.83/19
[15.Be2∓ -0.49/20 might be stronger.]
15...Bg4!∓ 16.f3 Bh3 And now ...Ng6 would win. **17.Re1 Rae8** -0.16/21
[17...Ng6!∓ -0.94/18 18.Kh1 Rae8]
18.Nd2 -0.93/19
[18.Bf4!= -0.16/21]
18...Ng6 Threatens to win with ...Bxg3! &Nero is more active. White is now going downhill. **19.Nf1 Be6** Strongly threatening ...f5. **20.Kg2** -2.28/18
[20.Bxg6∓ -1.10/19 fxg6 21.g4]
20...f5-+ 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 f4 23.Re6

(Diagram)

Rxe6 24.dxe6 h6 25.e7 Bxe7
[Weaker is 25...Nxe7 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.Qe1∓]
26.Bxe7 -2.61/20
[26.Bxf4 -1.69/19 was the only defense. Nxf4+ 27.gxf4]
26...Nxe7 27.Qb3+ Kh7 aiming for ... Qe5. **28.Re1** Inhibits Qe5. **28...Nf5 29.Re4**

(Diagram)





Ne3+! 30.Nxe3 fxe3 Endgame KQR-KQR
[Inferior is 30...dxe3 31.Qc4=]
31.Qd5 Qf7 32.Qxf7 -3.31/20
[32.Re6 -2.05/20 might work better.]
32...Rxf7 KR-KR **33.f4** -4.80/23
[⌓33.Re8 -3.18/20]
33...Rc7 -2.74/19
[⌓33...Rd7 -4.80/23 ...c4! is the strong threat. 34.Kf1 c4]
34.Kf3 c4 35.dxc4 Rxc4 36.a5 Kg6 37.Re7? -5.20/22
[37.Re6+ -2.35/24 was worth a try.

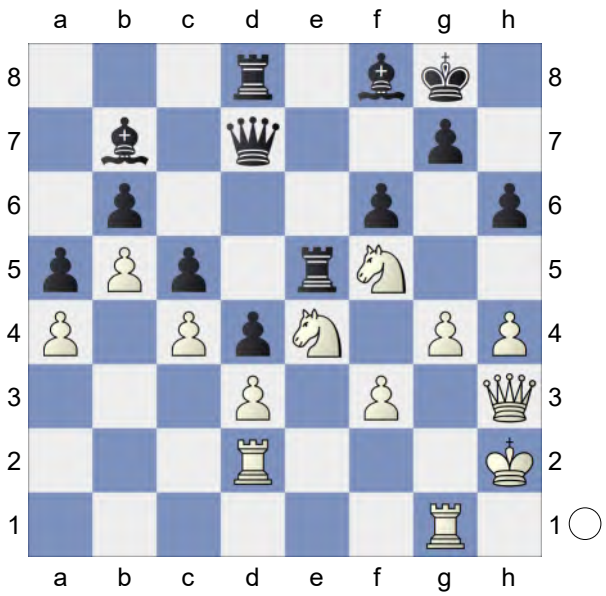
Kf7 38.Rd6]
37...Rc2 Black is clearly winning. **38.Rd7** -10.02/22
[⌓38.h4 -4.85/23 Kf6 39.Re8]
38...Rf2+ 39.Kg4 h5+ 40.Kh3 e2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2665**
■ **Mekhitarian,K** **2560**
Titled Tue 3rd Sep Late (11) 03.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Qc7N
[4...Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]
5.g3 e5 6.d3 h6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.a4 a5** 0.28/20
[⌓9...a6 -0.03/18]
10.Ra2 0-0 0.80/18
[10...Be6= 0.21/18]
11.e4!± dxe3 1.31/20
[⌓11...Kh7 0.81/20]
12.Bxe3 0.66/21
[12.fxe3± 1.31/20 Nbd7 13.e4]
12...Bf5 13.Nc3 Nbd7 14.Rd2 0.43/21
[14.Nh4± 0.79/18 Bg4 15.Qd2]
14...Rad8 15.Nh4 Bg4 16.Bf3 Be6 17.Re1 Rfe8 18.Be4 0.09/17
[18.Rde2± 0.41/19]
18...Bf8 0.54/17
[18...Nb6!= 0.09/17]
19.Qf3 0.16/17
[19.f3!± 0.54/17]
19...Nxe4= 20.Nxe4 b6 21.g4 f6 1.09/19
[21...Be7= 0.19/19 22.Nf5 Nf8]
22.Nf5± Be7 1.72/19
[22...Nb8± 0.99/20 might work better.]
23.Kh1? 0.20/16
[Better is 23.Qh3!+- 1.72/19]
23...Nf8!= 24.Neg3 Bc8 25.h4 Ne6 26.Kh2 Bf8 27.Ne4 Bb7 28.Rg1 -0.45/18
[28.h5= -0.12/17 is superior.]
28...Nd4∓ 29.Qh3 Qd7 0.52/20
[29...Bxe4∓ -0.50/18 30.dxe4 Nxf5 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.exf5 e4+ 33.Kh1 Be7]
30.Bxd4 -0.64/18
[30.f3!± 0.52/20]
30...exd4 0.39/17
[Of course not 30...cxd4 31.Nxh6+ Kh8 32.Nf5=]
[30...Bxe4∓ -0.64/18 31.dxe4 exd4]
31.f3± Re5 1.40/18
[31...Qc7+= 0.25/18 32.Qg3 Qxg3+ 33.Nfxg3 Bd6]

(Diagram)

32.f4 -0.06/20
[White should try 32.Nxh6+!± 1.40/18 Kh8 33.Nf5]
32...Rxe4= 33.dxe4 Bxe4 0.78/23



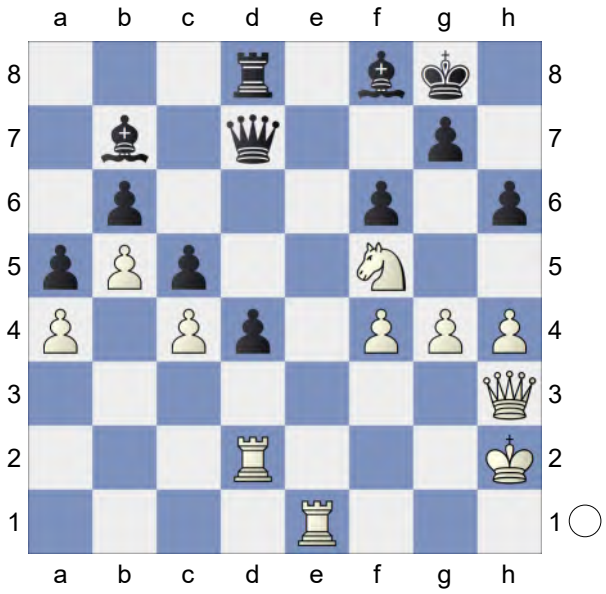
[33...Qe6= 0.05/17 keeps the balance.]

34.Re1 0.42/21

[34.Re2± 0.78/23 Bxf5 35.gxf5]

34...Bb7 2.04/20

[34...Re8!± 0.42/21]



35.g5?? -3.07/18

[35.Qd3!+- 2.04/20 and life is good for White.]

35...Bc8-+ **36.Nxh6+** **gxh6**

Really sharp! **37.Qxd7** **Bxd7**

Black is clearly winning. **38.g6** **Bd6**

39.Kg3 h5 40.Rde2 Kg7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.40

0-1

A09

□ **Chigaev,M** **2632**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**

Titled Tue 21st Feb Late blitz (7) 21.2.23

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

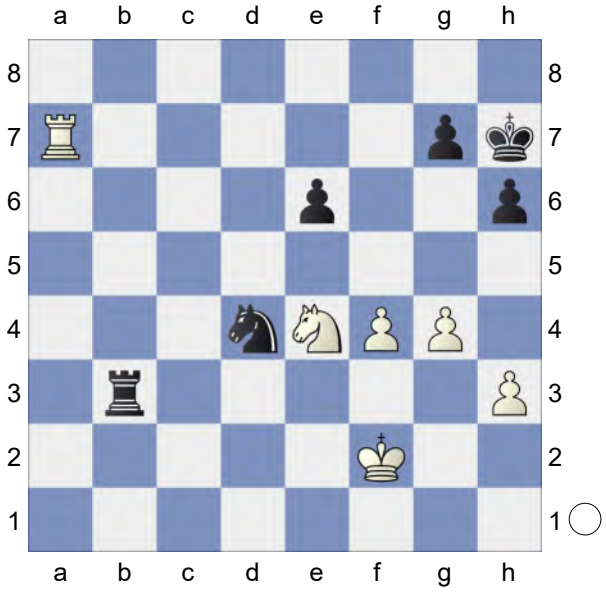
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.g3 Qc7

[4...cxb4 5.a3 b3 *(5...bxa3 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Qa4 Bd7 9.d3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.Nd2 a6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rfb1 Rb8 15.c5 Be7 16.Ne4 Na5 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Rfc8 20.Qb4* Chapter,W (2732)-R Of B,F (2560) New York 2020 CBM 051 Extra [Aiken] ½-½ (60) *)* 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Nxb3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Nc2 b5 14.Nd2 a6 15.Nb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Bb5 18.Nxe5 Bxb4 19.Rb1 Brachtel,R (2655)-Buchicchio,G (2767) Israel 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721] ½-½ (38)]

5.Bg2 e5 6.bxc5N

[6.0-0 Nf6 7.b5 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 20.Bd2 Nd7 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez,E (2240) Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1 d3 23.exd3 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Rxc3 0-1 (24) Jasinczuk,J (2130)-Garabedian,V

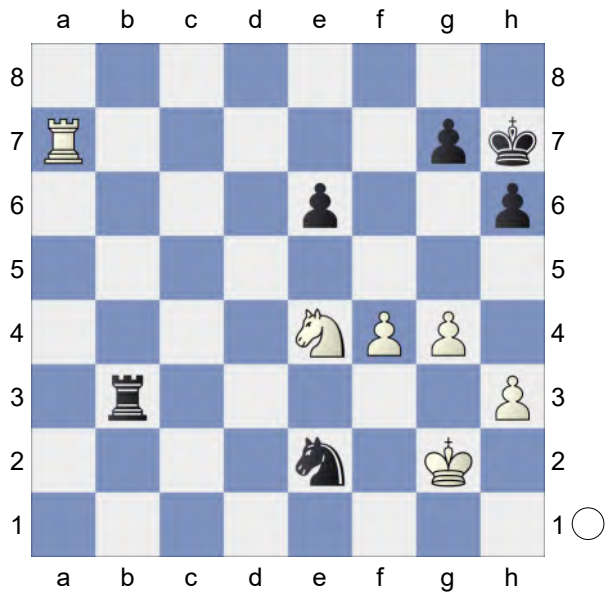
(2240) France 1987 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II]]
6...Bxc5 7.d3 -0.31/17
[7.Ba3= 0.10/18 is more appropriate.]
7...Nf6∓ 8.0-0 Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.a4 Re8 10.Nbd2 Nc6** -0.11/16
[10...Bb4∓ -0.57/19]
11.Ba3 -0.66/18
[11.Ng5= -0.11/16]
11...Bxa3 12.Rxa3 h6 13.Qb1 Bf5 14.Ne1 Bg4 15.Qd1 Nb4 -0.32/18
[Black should try 15...Rad8∓ -0.71/17]
16.a5 -0.66/17
[⌓16.Rb3 -0.32/18 Nc6 17.Nc2]
16...Rab8 17.Ne4 And now Nxf6+ would win. **17...Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Na6 19.Nc2** -0.69/19
[⌓19.Bg2 -0.36/19]
19...Bh3 -0.35/17
[⌓19...Nc5 -0.69/19 20.Bg2 Qd6]
20.Re1 Nc5 21.Bd5 b5 aiming for ...b4. **22.axb6! Rxb6 23.e3 dxe3 24.Nxe3 Reb8 25.Qh5! Rb1 26.Ra1! Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Be6 28.Bxe6 fxe6** 1.46/17
[28...Nxe6= 0.14/21 29.Nd5 Qd6]
29.Ng4!± e4 30.dxe4 0.00/23
[30.d4!+- 1.93/17 Nd3 31.Rxe4]
30...a5 31.Kg2 a4 32.Re3 Rf8 33.Qe5 -0.33/20
[33.Qg6= 0.00/24 is superior.]
33...Qxe5
[33...Qa7!? 34.Re2 Rc8±]
34.Nxe5∓ Endgame KRN-KRN **34...Ra8** ...a3 is the strong threat. **35.Ra3 Nxe4 36.Nd3 Kf7 37.f3 Nd6 38.Nb2 Rb8 39.Nxa4 Ra8 40.Ra2 Nxc4 41.Nc3 Rc8** Threatens to win with ...Ne3+. **42.Ne4 Kg6 43.Kf2 Ne5 44.Ra6 Rc2+ 45.Ke3 Kf7 46.h3 Rb2 47.Kf4 Ng6+ 48.Ke3 Rb3+ 49.Ke2 Ne5 50.Ra7+ Kg8 51.f4 Nc4** White must now prevent ...Re3+. **52.Kf2 Ne3 53.Ra8+ Kh7 54.Ra7 Nf5 55.g4 Nd4** 2.89/22
[55...Rb2+= 0.02/20 and Black has nothing to worry. 56.Ke1 Rb4 57.Nf6+ Kg6]



56.Kg2? 0.00/31
[White must play 56.Nf6+!+- 2.89/22 Kg6 57.Nh5]
56...Rb2+= 57.Kg3 Hoping for Nf6+. **57...Rb3+ 58.Kg2 Ne2?** 3.39/28
[58...Rb2+= 0.00/20 and Black stays safe. 59.Kf1 Kg8]

(Diagram)

59.f5? 0.00/30
[59.Nf6+!+- 3.39/28 Kg6 60.Nh5]
59...exf5 The position is equal. **60.gxf5** White wants to mate with Nf6+. **60...Nf4+ 61.Kg1** Threatening mate with Nf6+. **61...Kg8 62.Ra8+ Kf7 63.Ra7+ Kf8 64.Ra8+ Ke7 65.Ra7+ Kf8 66.Ra8+ Kf7 67.Ra7+ Kf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22



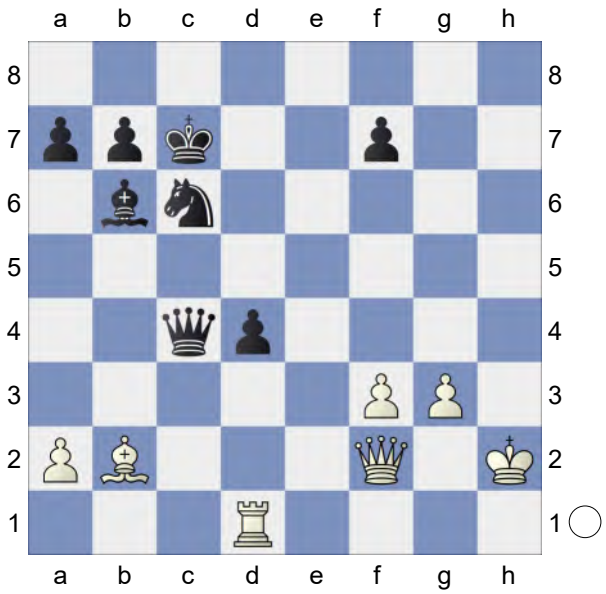
(precise) /Black=0.31
½-½

A09

□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2554**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2731**
Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 e4N 0.69/16
[7...cxb4= 0.16/17 8.e3 dxe3 *(8...Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7* Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D] 1-0 *Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5* 0-1 (28) Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander] *)*]
[7...Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½]
8.Ng5± White is slightly better. **8...h5** 1.03/16
[8...Nc6± 0.69/18 should be considered.]
9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 h4 11.bxc5 0.55/17
[11.e3± 1.02/16]
11...Bxc5 12.d3 0.30/16
[Better is 12.Qb3± 0.72/18]
12...Bh3= 13.Nd2 Nc6 14.Nf3 0.00/18
[14.Rb1± 0.36/15]
14...hxg3 15.hxg3 -0.76/17
[15.fxg3= 0.10/17 Bxf1 16.Qxf1]
15...Bd6 &Nero is more active.
[15...0-0-0!?]
16.Qe1!
[16.Nxd4? Bxg3! 17.Nf3 *(17.Nxc6? Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Bd7-+)* 17...Qf4 18.Bxc6+ *(18.Bxg7 Qg4 19.Nh2 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Bg2+ 21.Bxg2 Bf4+)* 18...bxc6-+]
16...Rd8 0.97/17
[16...0-0-0∓ -0.48/16 keeps the upper hand.]
17.Ng5 -0.22/16
[White should play 17.e3!± 0.97/17]
17...Qc8! 18.f4 Be7? 1.09/15
[18...Bxf1∓ -0.46/16 19.Qxf1 f6]
19.Nxh3± Qxh3 20.Bg2 -0.27/15
[20.Qf2± 1.06/22]
20...Qh2+= 21.Kf2 Rh3 1.15/19
[21...Bb4= -0.27/22 remains equal. 22.Rh1 Bxe1+ 23.Raxe1 Kd7!]
22.Kf3± g5 23.Bxh3 Qxh3 24.Rh1 Qf5 25.Rh8+ Kd7 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.Qh1 gxf4 28.Kg2 1.28/15

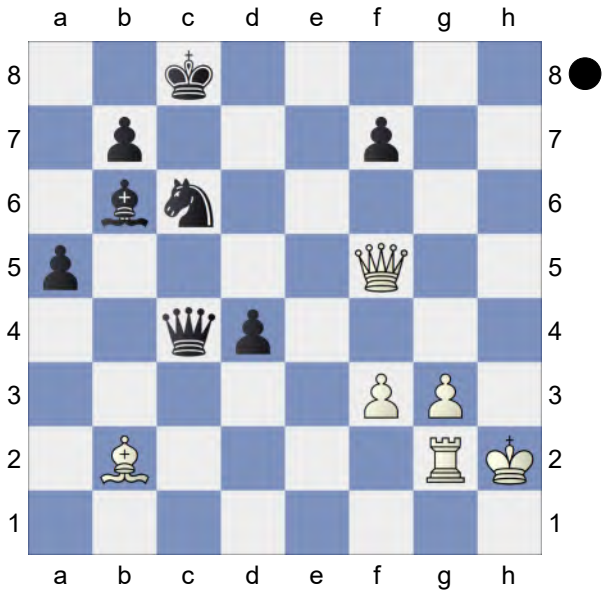
[28.Rf1+- 2.65/16 is more deadly.]
28...f3+ 29.exf3 Qxd3 aiming for ... Qc2+. **30.Qf1** 0.63/16
[30.Qh3+± 1.19/17 Kc7 31.Bc1]
30...Qc2+± 31.Qf2 Qxc4 32.Rd1 Bb6 33.Kh2 -0.69/16
[33.Rc1± 0.61/17 Qd5 34.Ra1]
33...Kc7? 0.88/18
[33...Qxa2∓ -0.69/16 stays ahead. 34.Qe2 *(34.Bxd4 Qd5∓)* 34...Qd5]



34.Qd2 -0.41/18
[34.Bc1!± 0.88/18]
34...Qxa2∓ Strongly threatening ...Ba5.
35.Qf4+! Kc8 36.Rd2 -1.14/17
[White should try 36.Qf5+∓ -0.57/18 Kc7 37.Qf4+ Kd7 38.Qf5+ Qe6 39.Qb5]
36...Qc4 0.00/20
[36...Qe6∓ -1.14/17 And now ...Ba5 would win. 37.Qh4 a5]
37.Rg2 -1.35/18
[37.Qf5+= 0.00/20 Kb8 38.Rc2]
37...a5∓ 38.Qf5+

(Diagram)

Kb8!



[Stronger than 38...Qe6 39.Qxe6+ fxe6 40.g4=]
39.Qc2? -2.92/20
[39.Ba3∓ -1.34/18]
39...Qb5 Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.43
0-1

A09
□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag 2554**
■ **Le,Quang Liem 2731**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 -0.13/20
[⩲7.e3! 0.20/17]
7...Nc6
[7...cxb4 with more complications. 8.e3 dxe3 9.Bxe5 Qxc4 10.dxe3 Be7]
8.b5 Nd8N
[8...Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6

17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 h5 23.Nb3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½ Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6 25.Ke2 Bd6 26.Rg1 f6 27.a6 b6 28.Raf1 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rh8 30.Bd2 h4 ½-½ (30) Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw,John]]

9.e3 Bd6 10.exd4 exd4 11.d3 -0.18/17

[⌓11.Re1+ 0.14/19 Ne6 12.a4]

11...0-0!= 12.Re1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 Ne6 14.Qc2 Rae8 15.Re2 -0.65/18

[15.h3= -0.19/17 Bh5 16.Nh4]

15...Qd8 -0.27/23

[15...Re7∓ -0.65/18 feels stronger.]

16.Rae1 Bc7 17.Nb3 -0.64/18

[17.Bc1= -0.23/22]

17...h6 -0.32/19

[⌓17...Nd7! -0.64/18]

18.a4 -0.64/20

[18.h3 -0.32/19 is more appropriate. Bxf3 19.Bxf3]

18...Nd7∓ 19.h3 Bh5 20.Ba3 b6 21.Nbd2 Qb8 -0.25/17

[21...Re7∓ -0.73/19]

22.Bc1= Nf6 23.Ne4 -0.32/17

[23.Nf1= 0.00/17]

23...Nxe4 0.49/17

[Better is 23...Nd7∓ -0.32/17]

24.Rxe4± Qc8 25.Nh4 0.26/19

[25.Ne5± 0.64/21]

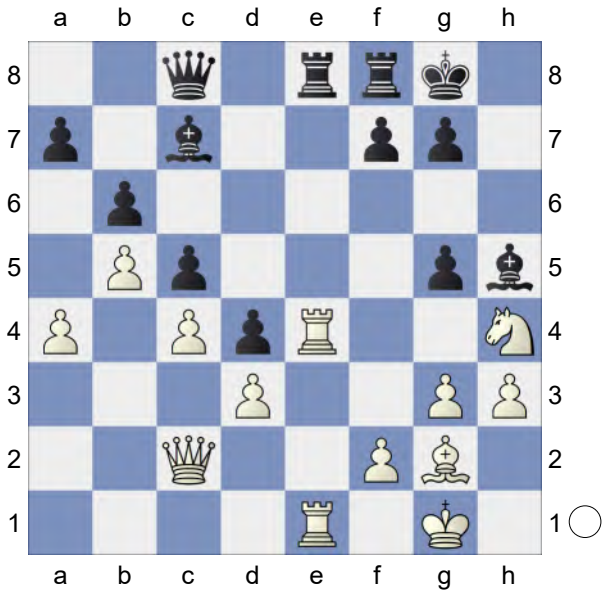
25...Ng5!=

[25...f5? 26.Rxe6! Rxe6 27.Rxe6+- *(27.Bd5 Rfe8=)*]

26.Bxg5

[Of course not 26.Re7 Rxe7 27.Rxe7 Nxh3+ 28.Kh2 *(28.Bxh3? Qxh3 29.Rxc7 Re8-+)* 28...Ng5 29.Bxg5 hxg5∓]

26...hxg5



27.Nf5 Ne7+ is the strong threat.

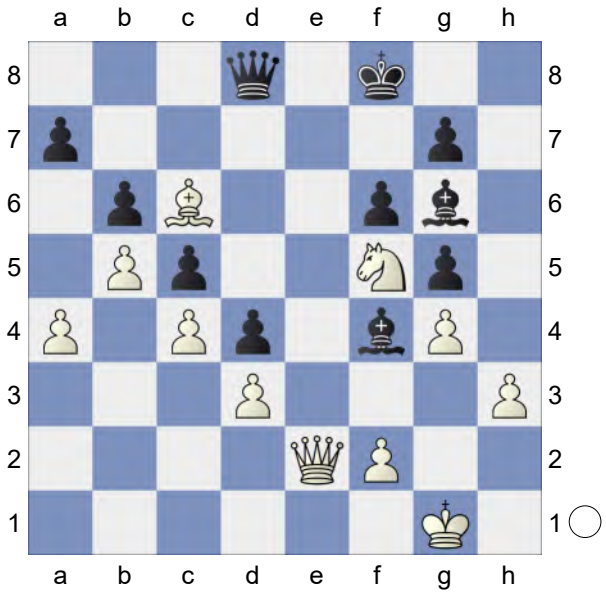
27...Rxe4 28.Bxe4 Re8 Against Ne7+

29.Qd2 Bg6 30.g4 Bf4 31.Qd1 Qd8

[31...Bxf5!? 32.Bxf5 Qd8=]

32.Bc6 Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1 Threatening Ne7+. **33...Kf8** Inhibits Ne7. **34.Qe2 f6** 0.96/19

[34...Bc7= 0.07/24 keeps the balance.]



35.Qe4 0.05/22 &Bianco is more active.

[White should try 35.h4!± 0.96/19]

35...Bf7 36.Bd5 Qe8 0.43/23

[36...g6= 0.00/21 should be considered. 37.Bxf7 gxf5]
37.Qxe8+ -0.02/26
[37.Qf3!± 0.43/23 Bxd5 38.Qxd5]
37...Bxe8± Endgame KBB-KBN
38.Ng3? -3.56/21
[38.Kg2= -0.02/28]
38...g6? -0.02/25
[Black should play 38...Bxg3-+ -3.56/21 39.fxg3 Bg6]
39.Ne2= The position is equal. **39...Be5 40.Be4 Kg7 41.Kg2 Bd7 42.Bd5 f5 43.f3 Kf6 44.Bb7 Bd6 45.Bd5 Bc8 46.Bc6 a5 47.Bd5 Bd7 48.Bb7 Bf4 49.Bd5 Ke5** aiming for ...fxg4. **50.Bb7 Be6 51.Kf2 Bd2 52.Kf1 Bb4 53.Bc6 Bf7 54.Kf2 Bc3 55.Kf1 Bd2 56.Bd7 Bb4 57.Kf2 Bd2 58.Kf1 Be3 59.Ke1 Bf4 60.Kf1 Bd2 61.Kf2 Bf4 62.Ke1 Be3 63.Kf1 Bf4 64.Ke1 Be3 65.Kf1 Bf4 66.Ke1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

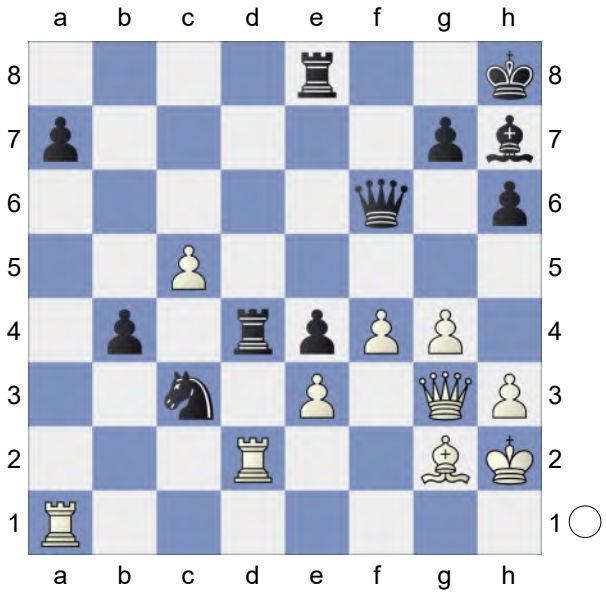
A09
□ **Indjic,A** **2619**
■ **Bacrot,E** **2662**
FIDE World Cup 2023 (2.4) 04.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 cxb4 6.a3 b3 7.d3 Nc6 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...e5 9.0-0 Be7 10.Rb1N**
[10.Nxb3 0-0 11.Ne1 *(11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Nc2 b5 14.Nd2 a6 15.Nb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Bb5 18.Nxe5 Bxb4 19.Rb1 a5 20.Ng4 Rb6 21.Qc1 Qc8 22.Ne5 Qe6 23.Nf3 Qxe2 24.Nxd4 Qxd3 25.Rd1 Qg6* Brachtel,R (2655)-Buchicchio,G (2767) Israel 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721] ½-½ (38) *26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Nxb5 Rxb5 28.Qc6 Qf5 29.Be4 Qe5 30.Rd7 Rc5 31.Qb7 g6 32.Bd5 Qf6 33.Rb3 Rc3 34.Rxc3 Bxc3 35.Rxf7 Rxf7 36.Bxf7+ Qxf7 37.Qc8+ Qf8 38.Qc4+ Qf7* ½-½ (38) Adhiban,B (2609)-Ghaem Maghami,E (2556) Sharjah 121/110 2014 CI1-130 [Ghaem Maghami, Ehsan; Hosseinzadeh,Nima]*)* 11...Bg4 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Re8 14.h3 Bh5 15.Nc2 Qd7 16.g4 Bg6 17.Qe1 Rad8 18.Qf2 h5 19.g5 Nh7 20.h4 f6 21.Qg3 fxg5 22.hxg5 Qg4 23.Qxg4 hxg4 24.Bd5+ Kh8 Murariu,N-9. ♕d2 ♖c8 10.♗b3 England 1977 CCYB 4 [Davey, CC17 pp143-4] 1-0 (61)]
10...0-0 11.Nxb3 Qc7 12.Ne1 h6 13.Nc2 Be6 14.Nb4 Rab8 0.33/20
[14...Nxb4 15.axb4 Rad8 16.b5=]
[14...Bd6= -0.25/21]
15.Nd5± Qd7 1.00/23
[15...Bxd5= 0.22/24 16.cxd5 Na5]
16.Nxe7+ 0.19/20
[White should try 16.Nxf6+± 1.00/23 gxf6 17.Bxh6]
16...Qxe7= 17.a4 Rfe8 18.a5 Qc7 0.54/20
[18...Bd7= 0.13/19 deserves consideration.]
19.Bd2 0.00/21
[19.f4!± 0.54/20]
19...Qc8 20.Re1 Bh3 21.Bh1! Nd8 0.34/21
[21...b6= -0.09/20]
22.Bb4± Threatens to win with Bd6.
22...Qc7 Inhibits Bd6. **23.Qc1 Nc6 24.Bd2**
[24.Qa3!?]

24...Ng4 0.52/19
[24...Qd6= 0.09/18]
25.f3 Ne3 26.Bxe3 dxe3 27.Qxe3 f5 1.27/17
[27...b5± 0.32/22]
28.f4± e4 29.dxe4 fxe4 30.Ra1
[30.Bxe4?! Bf5 31.Bd5+ Kh8=]
30...Kh8 31.Rec1
[31.Bxe4? Bf5! 32.Nd2 Rbd8-+]
31...Rbd8 32.Bg2
[32.Bxe4? Bf5! 33.Qc5 *(33.Nc5? Nd4-+)* 33...Bxe4-+]
32...Bf5 33.h3 Qf7 34.a6 b6 35.c5 b5 2.11/18
[35...Ne7± 1.57/16 36.cxb6 Nd5]
36.Rd1 1.12/18
[36.Na5+- 2.11/18 Nxa5 37.Rxa5]
36...Qf6 37.Rac1 Nb4 2.45/21
[37...b4± 1.14/18 38.Kf2 Bh7]
38.Kh2 Qxa6 2.55/22
[⌓38...Na2 1.71/20]
39.g4 Bh7 40.Nd4 Nd5 41.Qg3 b4 42.Ra1 0.25/17
[White must play 42.c6± 1.38/19]
42...Qf6 0.75/19
[42...Qc8= 0.25/17]
43.e3!
[43.Rxa7? Nc3 44.g5 hxg5 45.fxg5 Qg6-+]
43...Nc3 44.Rd2 0.39/19
[44.Re1!± 0.78/18]
44...Rxd4 1.79/22

(Diagram)

45.g5!+- Deflection **45...Qf7**
[45...Rxd2 46.gxf6]
46.exd4
[46.Rxd4 Ne2 47.Qg4 Nxd4 48.exd4 b3∓]
46...e3 47.Rb2 a5 48.Rxa5? -0.96/19
[48.gxh6+- 2.73/20 Strongly threatening Re1. e2 49.hxg7+ Qxg7 50.Qxg7+ Kxg7 51.Re1]
48...e2↑ Black is in control. &Nero is much more active. **49.Ra1** -1.68/20
[49.Ra8∓ -0.87/20 Rxa8 50.Bxa8]
49...Nd1-+ 50.Rxe2 Rxe2 51.Ra8+ Bg8 52.gxh6 -2.15/17
[52.Qf3∓ -1.16/18 was forced. Nc3 53.d5]
52...gxh6 53.Kg1? -3.81/20
[53.Qf3 -1.63/17 Rc2 54.Qe4]
53...b3 54.Qf3 -6.72/19
[54.Rb8 -3.97/18 b2 55.Rb6]
54...Rd2 55.Qd5 Threatening mate with Qxf7. **55...Qg7** ...Nc3 is the strong threat.
[Weaker is 55...Qxd5 56.Bxd5 b2 57.Rxg8+ Kh7 58.Rb8∓]
56.Kh1 Nc3 57.Rxg8+ Qxg8 58.Qe5+ Qg7 59.Qe8+ Kh7 60.Be4+ Nxe4 61.Qxe4+ Kg8 -11.80/18
[⌓61...Qg6 -#20/17 62.Qe7+ Kg8 63.Qd8+ Kg7 64.Qe7+ Qf7 65.Qe5+ Kg8 66.Qb8+ Kh7 67.Qe5 b2 68.Qe4+ Kg7 69.Qe5+ Kg8 70.Qe4 b1Q+ 71.Qxb1 Qd5+ 72.Qe4 Qxe4+ 73.Kg1 Qg2#]
62.Qa8+ Qf8 63.Qd5+ Qf7 64.Qa8+ Kg7 (-> ...b2) **65.Qf3 b2**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.35
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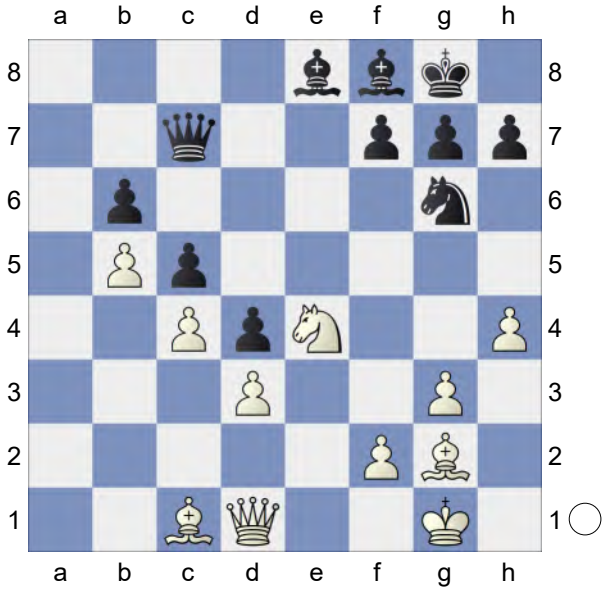
A09
□ **Pantsulaia,Levan** **2561**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2720**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (8) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Nd7 5.d3 e5 6.g3 Ngf6N
[6...Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Bd6 20.Ra7 b6 21.Qb5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]
7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 The position is equal.
8...0-0 9.a4 Re8 0.32/17
[9...a6= -0.16/18 is more appropriate.]
10.Nbd2 -0.12/18
[10.a5!± 0.32/17]
10...Rb8 0.28/19
[⌓10...a6! -0.12/18]
11.Re1 Nf8 12.e3 Ng6 0.52/22
[12...h6= -0.02/19]
13.exd4
[13.Ng5 looks sharper. dxe3 14.fxe3 Ng4 15.Nde4]
13...exd4 14.Rxe8+ 0.22/17
[14.Ng5± 0.54/21]
14...Qxe8= 15.Ng5 -0.39/18
[15.Ba3= 0.03/18 feels stronger.]
15...Bf5? 1.13/22
[15...Bg4∓ -0.39/18 stays ahead. 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Ngxf3 h6]
16.Nde4± Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf8 18.a5 Qd7 19.Ba3 b6 20.axb6 axb6 21.Bc1 Re8 22.Ra6 0.48/16
[22.f4± 1.03/18]
22...Qc7 1.37/18
[22...Ne5!± 0.48/16]
23.h4 Bc8 24.Ra8 0.48/20 &Bianco is more active.
[24.h5!± 1.45/20 Ne5 25.Ra8]
24...Bd7 1.72/18
[Better is 24...Bg4!± 0.48/20 25.Qxg4 *(25.Nf6+ gxf6 26.Qxg4 Re1+ 27.Kh2 Rxc1=)* 25...Rxa8]
25.Rxe8+- Bxe8

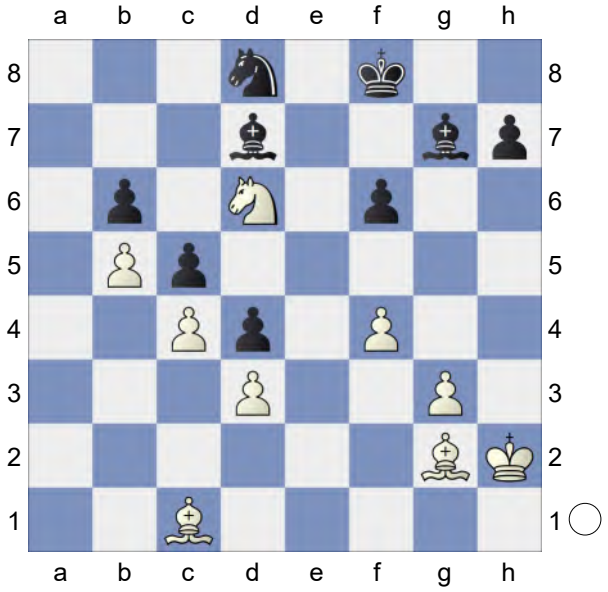


26.h5! Ne5 27.h6 f6 1.98/19
[27...Qd7± 1.54/17 might work better.]
28.f4↑ White has strong initiative.
28...Nf7 29.Qg4 Qe7 2.59/19
[⌓29...Qd8 1.82/20]
30.hxg7 Bxg7 31.Qc8 Qd8 32.Qxd8 Nxd8 33.Nd6 Bd7 34.Kh2? 0.08/19

[34.Bd5++- 2.75/22 Be6 35.Bxe6+ Nxe6 36.f5 *(36.Nc8 f5+-)*]

34...Kf8? 2.55/22

[34...Bf8= 0.08/19 and Black stays safe. 35.Ne4 Kg7]



35.Bh3? 0.81/20

[35.f5!+- 2.55/22]

35...Ke7± Threatens to win with ...Bxh3.

36.Nf5+ Bxf5 1.32/21

[⌓36...Kf7 0.79/24]

37.Bxf5 Endgame KBB-KBN **37...h6** 4.03/24

[37...Nf7± 1.03/19]

38.Kh3 Nb7 39.Kg4 1.69/24

[⌓39.Bg6 3.28/23]

39...Nd6? 3.82/27

[39...Na5 1.69/24 is a better defense. 40.Bd2 Nb3]

40.Bg6 Bf8 4.39/22

[⌓40...Kf8 2.94/25 41.f5 Ke7]

41.Bd2 Ke6 4.65/22

[⌓41...Nb7 3.03/22 42.f5 Nd6]

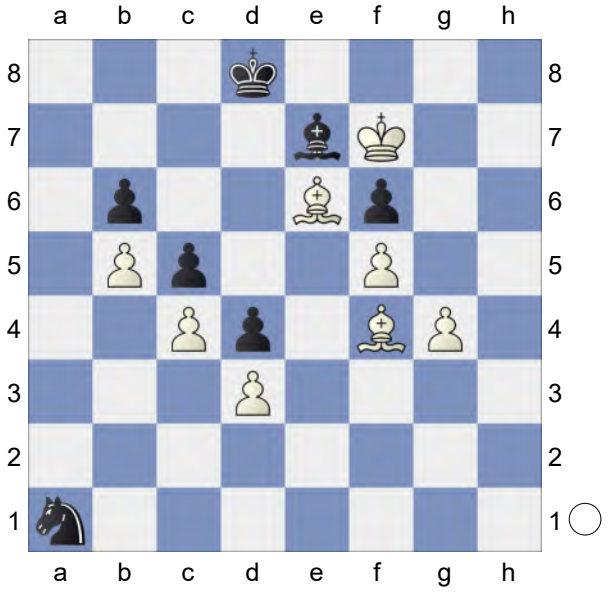
42.f5++- Ke7 43.Kf4 h5 Hoping for ... Bh6+. **44.Kf3 Bg7 45.Bf4 Bf8 46.Kg2 Bg7** 4.72/23

[⌓46...Kd8 3.36/19 47.Bd2 *(47.Bxh5 Nxf5 48.Bg4 Ne3+ 49.Kf3 f5±)* 47...Be7]

47.Kh3 Bf8 48.Kh4 Kd7 49.Kxh5 Nb7 7.21/22

[⌓49...Ke7 4.42/20 50.Bh7 Kf7]

50.Bf7 Na5 51.Kg6 Be7 52.Be6+ Kd8 53.Kf7 Nb3 54.g4 Na1



55.Bc7+! Kxc7 56.Kxe7 g5! would kill now. **56...Nc2 57.g5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.84

1-0

A09

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

■ **Lupulescu,C** **2584**

SuperUnited Blitz 2023 (10.5) 09.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Qc7N

[4...g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.d3 Nh6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.exd4 cxd4 9.g3 e5 10.Bg2 a5 11.b5 a4 12.Ba3 Re8 13.0-0 f5 14.Ne1 Nd7 15.Rc1 Nf7 16.Nc2 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Nb4 Nc5 19.Re1 Chapter Chapter 3-Game 18 Game -

18 (65) Qd6 20.Rb1 Bd7 21.Bd5 Rad8 22.a3 Bc8 23.Rb2 Re7 24.Nf3 Nh6 25.Rbe2 Rde8 26.Qd2 Kg7 27.Qb2 Ng4 28.Qb1 Nf6 29.Kg2 h6 30.Qd1 g5 31.h3 Nh7 32.Kh2 h5 33.h4 g4 34.Nd2 Verlinsky,B-Rubinstein,A Moscow 1925 1-0 (65)]

[4...Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½]

5.g3 e5 6.Bg2! cxb4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.e3 The position is equal. **8...Bc5** 0.32/21

[8...dxe3!= -0.17/19 9.fxe3 Bg4]

9.a3± Black must now prevent axb4.

9...dxe3 0.97/18

[9...Nge7± 0.46/19]

10.fxe3±

(Diagram)

And now axb4 would win. **10...bxa3** 1.78/18

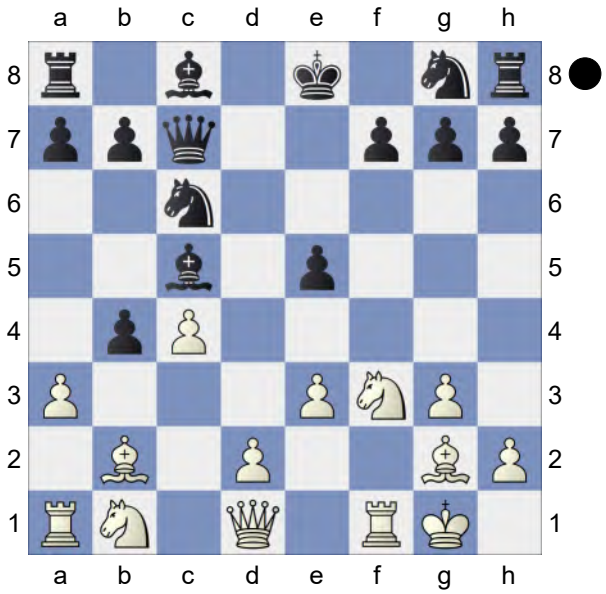
[10...Bg4± 0.97/20]

11.Nxa3+- Strongly threatening Nb5.

11...Bxa3 12.Bxa3

[Much less strong is 12.Rxa3?! Bg4±]

12...Nge7 13.d4 Threatens to win with Ng5. **13...exd4 14.exd4**



[Less strong is 14.Nxd4 0-0±]

14...Bg4 15.d5 Rd8 16.Qa4 Pin. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.31

[Weaker is 16.Qb3 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Nd4+-]

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A09

□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2716**

■ **Ivic,Velimir** **2562**

Bundesliga 2324 (3.7) 02.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

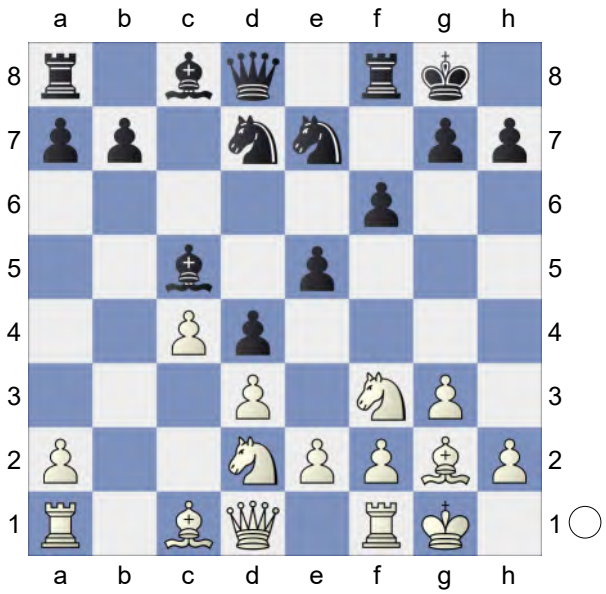
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.g3 f6 5.bxc5 e5 6.d3 Bxc5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...0-0N**

[8...Nec6 9.Nfd2 Be6 10.Nb3 Be7 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 Qe7 13.Qc1 Na6 14.Nb5 0-0 15.Qa3 Nab4 16.Na5 a6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Nc7 Qxc7 19.Qxb4 Rfb8 20.Qa4 Bd7 21.Rfb1 a5 22.c5 Kf8 23.Qa3 12. ♘b5 0-0 13. ♗c2 ed4 (2250)-

Kaczynski,J (2305) Barcelona ESP 1985 CR97-75 [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (42) Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 Rb8 25.Rb6 Rb7 26.Qb3 Ra7 27.Rb8+ Be8 28.Bh3 Qe7 29.Qb6 Kf7 30.a4 g6 31.Bc8 Rc7 32.Qxa5 Kf8 33.Qb6 f5 34.f3 e4 35.fxe4 fxe4 36.dxe4 Qe5 37.Bb7 d3 38.exd3 12.♘b5 0-0 13.♗c2 ed4 (2250)-Kaczynski,J (2305) Barcelona ESP 1985 CR97-75 [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (42) Qa1+ 39.Kg2 Rf7 40.Rxe8+ Kg7 41.Kh3 Qf1+ 42.Kh4 ½-½ (42) Trauth,M (2250)-Jacoby,G (2305) Eger 1985 EXT 2018 [ChessBase II]]

9.Nbd2 Nd7 0.91/18

[9...Nbc6± 0.33/20]



10.Ne4!± Qc7 11.Rb1 0.78/17 &Bianco is more active.

[White should play 11.e3 1.14/20]

11...Rb8 1.93/17

[11...Rd8± 0.78/17 keeps fighting.]

12.Nxc5+- Qxc5 13.Qa4 Ba3 is the strong threat. **13...Qc7 14.Ba3**

[14.Qxa7?! Nc6 15.Qa3 b6±]

14...Re8 15.Nd2

[Much less strong is 15.Qxa7?! Nc6 16.Qa4 Nf8]

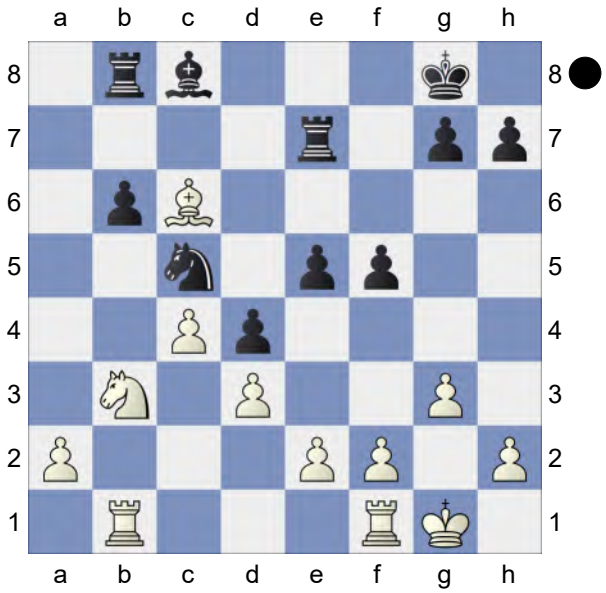
15...f5 16.Bxe7

[Don't do 16.Qxa7?! Nc6 17.Bd5+ Kh8]

16...Rxe7 17.Qxa7 Qc5 18.Qa4 b6 19.Qc6 Qxc6 2.37/18

[⌓19...e4 1.68/18 20.Qxc5 Nxc5]

20.Bxc6 Nc5 21.Nb3



Strongly threatening Nxc5. **21...Ne6** 3.32/20

[21...Bb7 2.31/19 was worth a try.]

22.Bd5 White has a decisive advantage. **22...Kf8 23.f4 Nc7 24.Bg2** Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.27 (precise)

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A09

□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag 2554**

■ **Sarana,Alexey 2695**

Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Jan Late bl..

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Qd7

[6...Bd7!? 7.b5 Bxc5∓]

7.Bb5 c6! 8.Bc4 White has an edge.

8...dxe3

[8...Na6 9.exd4 e4 10.b5 Nb4 11.a3 exf3 12.axb4 Qxd4 13.d3 Qe5+ 14.Be3 fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.bxa5 Nd5 18.d4 Qxh2 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6 Be7 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.Rxa4 0-0 23.Ra8 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2766) Paris Rapid & Blitz 2019 [David Cummings] 1-0 Re8 24.Kd2 Kf8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8 27.Bf4 Ba5+ 28.Kd1 1-0 (28) Duda,J-Grischuk,A Paris 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

9.fxe3 Qg4 10.Qb3N -1.44/17

[10.b5!= 0.00/18 remains equal. e4 11.Nd4 Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bxc5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 Qxh2 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Nf2 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Kf8 19.Rc1 Chapter-Advance Variation D4 e) 6...Qd7 7.Bb5 c6 8. Bc4 dxe3]

10...Qxg2∓ 11.Rg1 -2.98/16 Now White is beyond hope.

[11.Rf1∓ -1.03/17]

11...Qxf3-+ 12.Bxg8 White threatens Qf7+ and mate. **12...Qh5** Inhibits Qf7+. Hoping for ...Rxg8! **13.Nc3** -2.93/16

[13.b5 -2.03/14 might work better.]

13...axb4 14.Ne4 Qh4+ 15.Ng3? -3.58/16

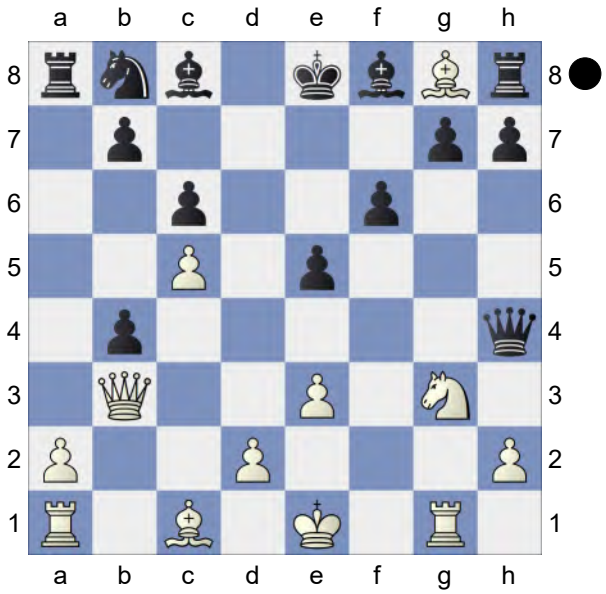
[15.Nf2 -1.97/14 was forced. Kd8 16.Qf7]

(Diagram)

15...Nd7 -2.14/17

[15...Bxc5 16.Qf7+ Kd8 17.Qxg7 Rxg8 18.Qxg8+ Kc7 19.Rg2∓]

[⌓15...Rxg8! -3.58/16 16.Qxg8 Na6]



16.d4 -3.16/18

[⌓16.Qf7+ -2.14/17 Kd8 17.Rg2]

16...Qxh2

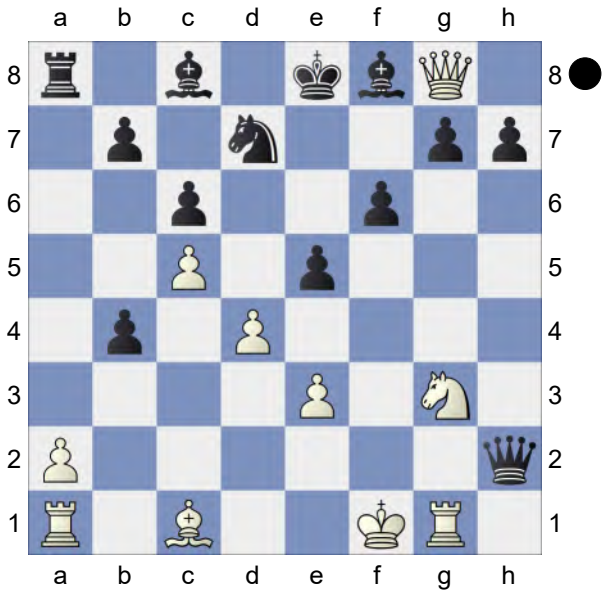
[Wrong is 16...Kd8? 17.Bb2-+]

17.Kf1 Rxg8

[Don't blunder 17...Kd8? 18.Rg2 Qh3 19.Bb2-+]

18.Qxg8? -8.73/19

[18.Qe6+ -2.89/17 Kd8 19.Qxg8]



18...Nxc5!

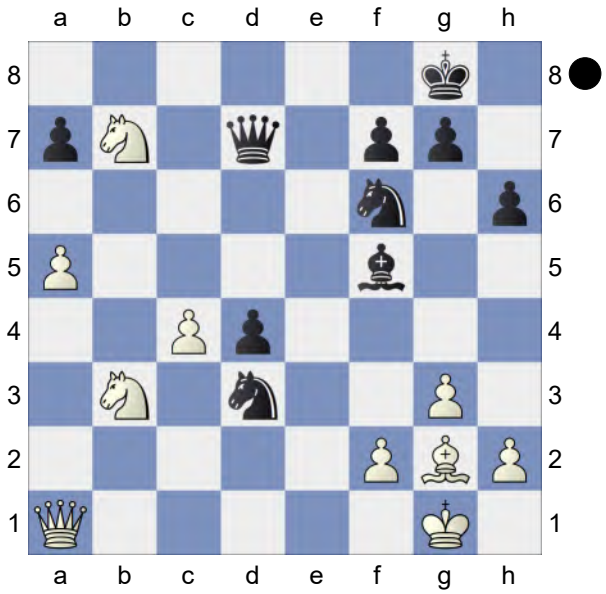
Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/

Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

A09

□ **Chigaev,M** **2637**
■ **Tomashevsky,E** **2696**
ch-RUS Blitz 2022 (13.5) 14.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

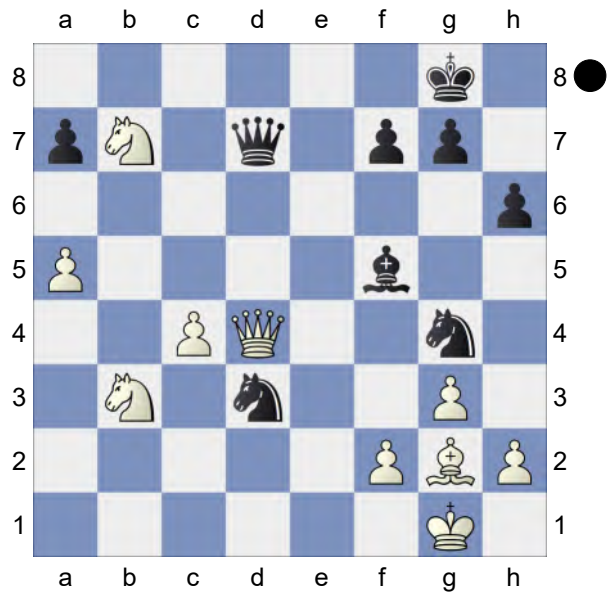
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.g3 Nf6
[4...cxb4 5.a3 b3 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Nxb3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Nc2 b5 14.Nd2 a6 15.Nb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Bb5 18.Nxe5 Bxb4 19.Rb1 Brachtel,R (2655)-Buchicchio,G (2767) Israel 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721] ½-½ (38)]
5.Bg2 cxb4 6.a3 b3N
[6...bxa3 7.Bxa3 *(7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qa4 a2 9.Rxa2 Bd7 10.Ba3 a5 11.Rb2 Rb8 12.d3 e5 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Qa3+ Qe7 15.Rb5 Qxa3 16.Nxa3 e4 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 exd3 19.exd3* Bauer,C (2623)-Lampert,J (2461) Skopje 2015 CI1-130 [Tadic, Branko] *)* 7...Nc6 8.0-0 g6 9.d3 Bg7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qc2 h6 12.Rfb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Rd8 14.Bc5 e5 15.Nbd2 Be6 16.Ne1 b6 17.Ba3 Rac8 18.Qb2 Qd7 19.Nc2 e4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Maevsky,N (2277)-Niemann,H (2674) Astana 2023 0-1]
7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qxb3 The position is equal. **8...e5 9.d3 Be7 10.a4 0-0! 11.Ba3 Rb8** 0.28/21
[⌓11...Re8 -0.10/17]
12.Nbd2 h6 13.a5 Bf5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qa3 And now Qxe7 would win.
15...Qc7 16.Nb3 Rfe8 17.Nc5 -0.02/17
[17.Rfb1!± 0.31/17]
17...e4!= 18.Nd2 exd3 19.exd3 Re2 20.Ndb3 Hoping for Bxc6. **20...Rd8** 0.56/20
[20...Re5!= -0.04/19]
21.Rfe1 -0.02/18
[21.a6± 0.56/20 bxa6 22.Nxa6]
21...Rxe1+! 22.Rxe1 Ne5 23.Nxb7 Nxd3 24.Re7 -1.01/19
[24.Nxd8± 0.33/20 stays ahead. Nxe1 25.Nc6 *(25.Nxd4 Qxd8 26.Nxf5 Qd1=)* 25...Nxg2 26.Qc5]
24...Rd7∓ 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Qa1!



Ng4 -0.23/25 &Nero is more active.
[26...Qe7!∓ -0.75/20 ...Nxf2! is the strong threat. 27.Nxd4 Be4 28.Bxe4 Nxe4]
27.Qxd4 -1.94/21
[27.N3c5= -0.23/25 and White has nothing to worry. Nxc5 28.Nxc5]

(Diagram)

27...Qa4? 0.74/21
[Black should play 27...Qe6!-+ -1.94/21 White must now prevent ...



Qe1+. 28.Qc3 Ngxf2]

28.h3 0.00/23 **Ngxf2= 29.N7c5 Qa2 30.Nxd3 Nxd3 31.g4 Bg6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.33

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A09

□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2685**
■ **Bartel,Mat** **2609**
Titled Tue 28th Mar Late blitz (4) 28.3.23
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 a5N
[4...h6 5.Bb2 *(5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8* Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) *)* 5...Bg7 6.e4 *(6.d3 c5 7.bxc5 e5 8.g3 Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne1 h5 13.e3 Ng6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7 16.Nef3 Bf6 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Rbe8 20.Qd2 Qd8* Chapter A00-Games Game 5 (37)*)* 6...e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 5.♘g5 e6 6.♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2649)-IG1 (2551) ICCF corr 2016 Telechess CBM 89 [Loktiev,I]]

5.b5 h6 6.d3 Bg7 7.g3 b6 0.82/23
[7...c5= 0.28/23 keeps the balance.]

8.Bg2!± White is better. Strongly threatening Nxg5! White is better.

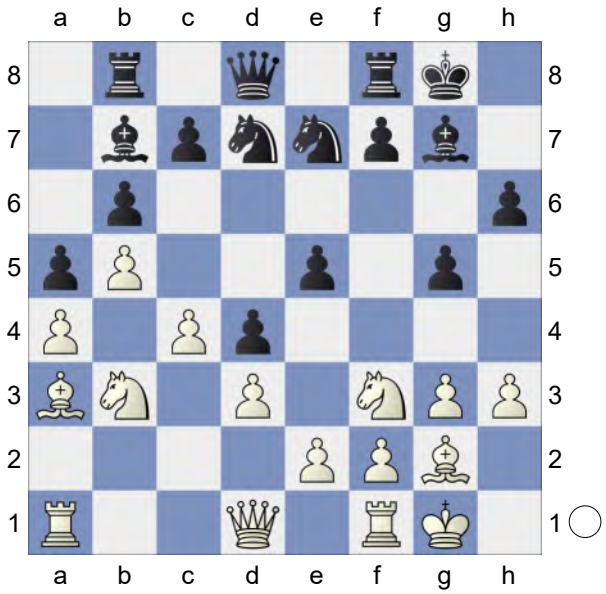
8...Bb7 9.Nbd2 0.63/20
[White should try 9.0-0± 0.97/18]

9...Nd7 10.a4 0.42/22
[10.0-0± 0.81/21]

10...e5± 11.Nb3 0.00/24
[11.Ba3± 0.46/24 deserves consideration.]

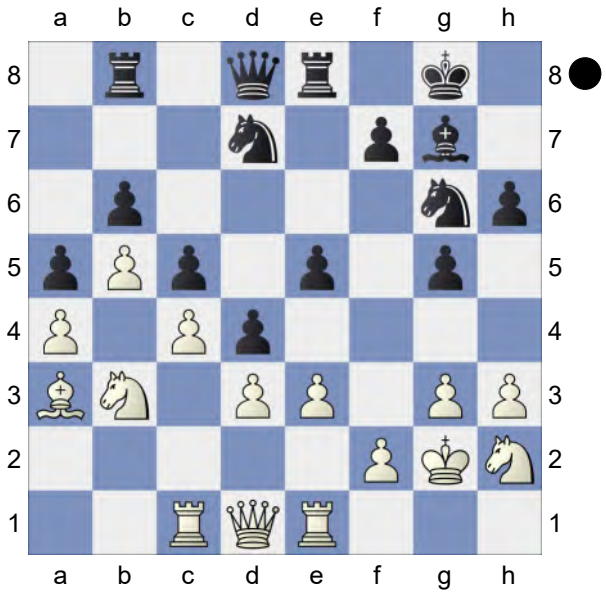
11...Ne7= 12.0-0 Rb8 0.94/24
[12...c5= -0.01/23]
[12...0-0= 0.04/18 keeps the balance.]

13.Ba3 0-0

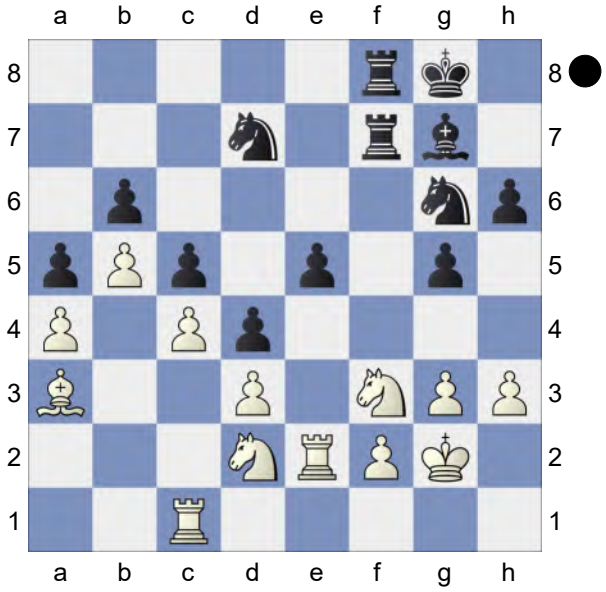


14.Rc1 -0.15/21 White is more active.
[14.c5!± 0.79/21 Bd5 15.Rc1 *(15.c6 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nf6±)*]

14...c5= Black wants to play ...f5. **15.e3** -1.22/20
[15.bxc6!= -0.01/21 was the only way to keep the balance. Bxc6 16.Nfd2 Bxa4 17.Ra1]
15...Re8 -0.52/23
[15...dxe3∓ -1.22/20 16.fxe3 *(16.Qe2 Nf5)* 16...e4 17.dxe4 Qc7 *(17...Bxe4 18.Nbd2∓)*]
16.Re1 -0.76/18
[16.exd4∓ -0.38/19 exd4 17.Rc2]
16...Ng6 17.Nh2 -1.37/23
[⌓17.e4 -0.72/22]
17...Bxg2∓ 18.Kxg2



f5 -0.46/23
[18...dxe3!∓ -1.30/22 19.fxe3 *(19.Rxe3 f5)* 19...Rb7]
19.Qh5 -0.99/24
[19.Qf3∓ -0.46/23]
19...Qf6 20.e4 Rf8 -0.33/21
[20...fxe4∓ -0.72/22 ...Rf8 is the strong threat. ...Qf7 is the strong threat. 21.Rxe4 *(21.dxe4 Rf8)* 21...Qf7]
21.exf5∓ Qxf5 22.Qf3 Qxf3+ 0.13/16
[⌓22...Qe6! -0.19/21 23.Qe4 *(23.Qd5 Qxd5+ 24.cxd5 Nf6∓)* 23...Rf7]
23.Nxf3 Rf7 aiming for ...Rbf8. **24.Nbd2** -1.30/26
[24.Nfd2= 0.10/24 remains equal.]
24...Rbf8∓ ...e4! would now be deadly. Hoping for ...e4! **25.Re2** -1.86/26
[25.Re4∓ -1.21/24 was called for.]



25...Bf6? 0.10/29
[Black should try 25...e4!-+ -1.86/26 26.Ne1 *(26.Nxe4? Rxf3 27.Kg1 Rxd3-+; 26.dxe4? Nge5-+; 26.Rxe4? Nde5-+)* 26...exd3 27.Nxd3 Nge5 28.Nxe5 Nxe5]
26.Rce1 Bd8 27.Nh2 h5 28.Bc1 Be7 29.Ne4 Rf5 30.Rf1 Kg7 31.Rfe1 Kg8 32.Nd2 Kg7 33.Ndf3 Bd8 34.g4
[34.Nd2 simplifies Nf6 35.Kg1 Rf7 36.Ndf1]
34...hxg4 35.hxg4 Nf4+ 36.Bxf4 Rxf4 37.Re4 Rxe4 38.Rxe4 Nf6? 3.94/24
[38...Rf4= 0.11/24 and Black stays safe. and Black is okay.]
39.Re2? 0.28/24
[39.Rxe5+- 3.94/24 Nh7 40.Rd5]
[Not 39.Nxg5 Nxe4 40.Nxe4 *(40.Ne6+ Kf7∓)* 40...Kf7∓]
39...Re8? 2.46/28

[39...e4!= 0.28/24 40.dxe4 *(40.Nxg5 exd3 41.Rd2 Re8∓)* 40...Ne8]
[39...Nd7± 0.55/23]
40.Rxe5 1.33/18
[40.Nxg5+- 2.46/28 Strongly threatening f4! Nd7 41.Ne4]
40...Rxe5± 41.Nxe5+- Endgame. Threatens to win with f4! KBN-KNN Endgame aiming for f4! KBN-KNN
41...Bc7 42.Nhf3 Bxe5?? 6.40/23
[42...Nh7± 1.33/28 43.Nc6 Kf7]
[42...Kf8 1.65/20 is tougher. 43.Nc6 Nh7]
43.Nxe5± KN-KN. White is clearly winning. **43...Kh6 44.Kg3 Kg7 45.f4 gxf4+ 46.Kxf4 Kf8 47.g5 Nh5+ 48.Kg4 Ke7 49.Kxh5** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.59 Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.67
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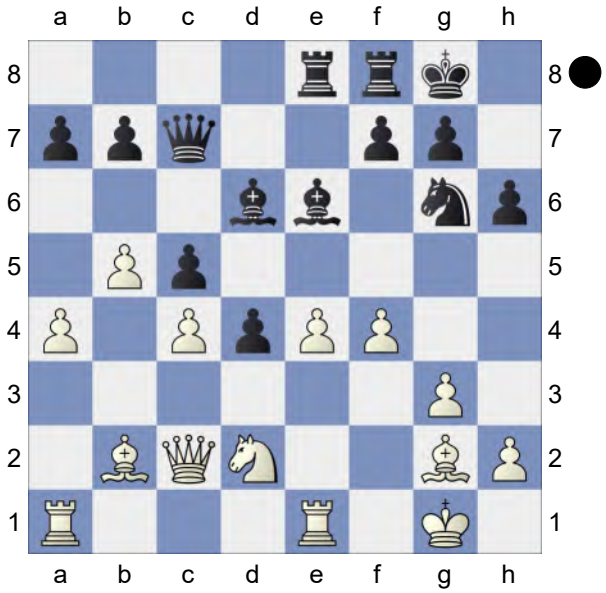
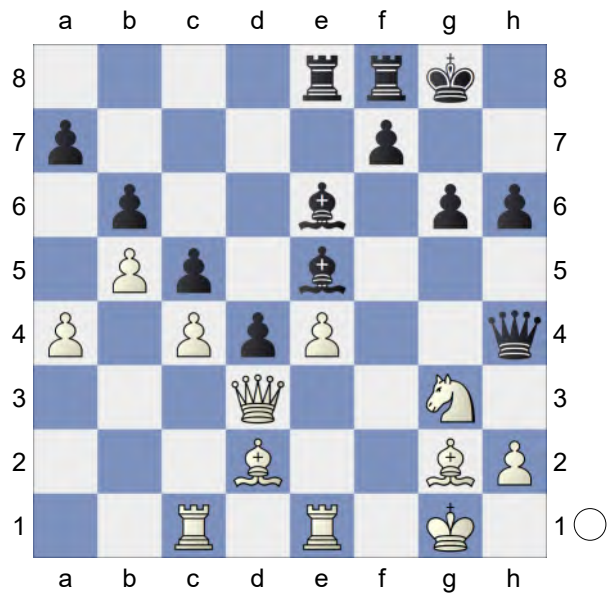
A09
□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2554**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2690**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0
[7.e3 keeps more tension. e4 8.Ng5 Bf5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.0-0]
7...Nc6
[7...cxb4 feels hotter. 8.e3 dxe3 9.Bxe5 Qxc4 10.dxe3 Be7]
8.b5 The position is equal. **8...Ne7 9.e3 Ng6! 10.exd4N**
[10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 h5 23.Nb3 Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½ 25.Ke2 Bd6 26.Rg1 f6 27.a6 b6 28.Raf1 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rh8 30.Bd2 h4 ½-½ (30) Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw,John]]
10...exd4 11.d3 Be7 Active counter play! **12.Re1 0-0 13.a4 Bf5 14.Qc2 Bd6** -0.37/21
[14...h5∓ -0.78/19]
15.Nbd2∓ h6 Against Ng5 **16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Be6 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.f4**



Nxf4 0.76/21 **20.gxf4± Bxf4 21.Nf1** 0.38/17
[White should try 21.Nf3± 0.97/19]
21...b6 22.Qd3 Qd7 0.79/20
[22...f5= 0.25/18]
23.Bc1 Be5 24.Ng3 Qd8 1.52/18
[Black should play 24...a6 0.78/20]
25.Bd2 Qh4 1.63/18
[25...Qc7± 1.26/18]
26.Rac1 0.97/18
[26.a5+- 1.63/18]

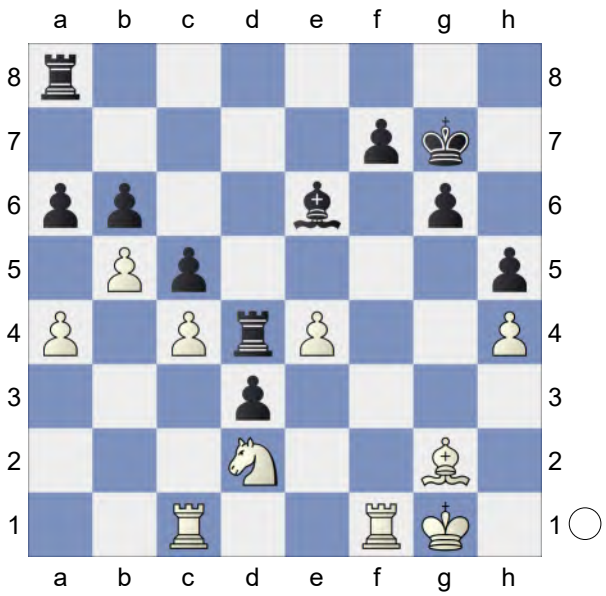
26...g6 1.59/20
[⌓26...a6 0.97/18]



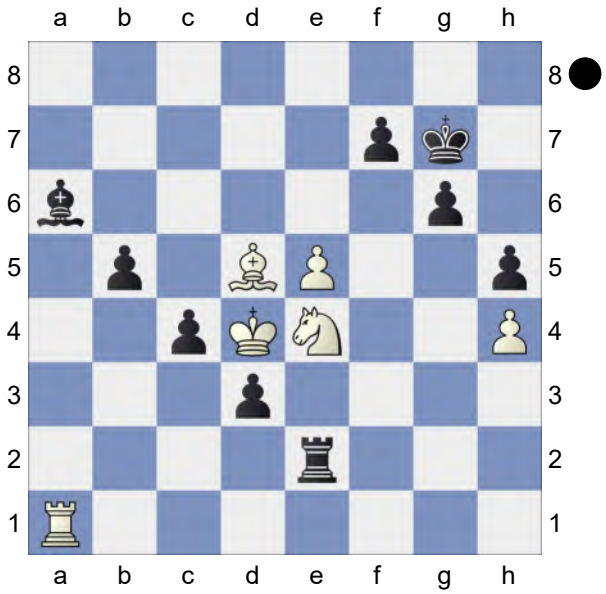
27.Rf1 1.16/19
[⌓27.a5! 1.59/20]
27...h5 1.66/18
[27...Ra8± 1.16/19]
28.Bh6+- Bg7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Qf3 Qg5 1.68/22
[30...f6± 1.35/20 was necessary.]
31.Qf4 1.23/22
[31.e5+- 1.68/22]
31...Qxf4 32.Rxf4 Rd8 1.80/20
[32...f6± 1.18/18 might work better.]
33.Nf1 d3 1.95/20
[33...g5± 1.57/18 was called for. 34.Rf2 f6]
34.Nd2 Rd4 35.h4 Ra8 36.Rff1 a6 2.87/22
[36...a5 1.70/16 keeps fighting. 37.Rf3 Rad8]

(Diagram)

37.Ra1? 0.00/21
[White must play 37.e5!+- 2.87/22 Rg4 38.Kf2]



37...axb5= 38.axb5 Rxa1 39.Rxa1 Bxc4 40.Kf2 Bxb5 41.Ke3 Rb4 42.Rc1 -0.40/16
[42.Ra7= 0.21/20]
42...c4 0.00/23
[42...Kf6∓ -0.40/16 is superior.]
43.e5 Ba6 44.Bd5 b5 45.Ne4 And now Rf1 would win. White has compensation. **45...Rb2 46.Ra1 Re2+ 47.Kd4**



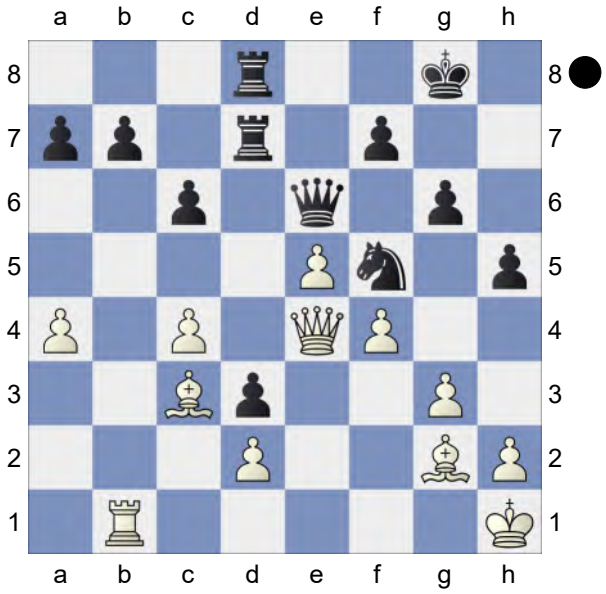
Nc3 is the strong threat. **47...d2!** White must now prevent ...Re1! **48.Nc3?** -3.70/18

[48.Rd1= -0.09/19 and White has nothing to worry.]
[48.Rf1 b4]
48...Re1-+ 49.Rxa6 b4 Black is clearly winning. **50.Bf3 bxc3 51.Kxc3 Re3+ 52.Kxd2 Rxf3** Endgame KR-KR **53.e6 fxe6 54.Rxe6 Rf4 55.Rc6 Rxh4 56.Ke3 Rg4 57.Kf3 Kf7 58.Rb6 Ke7 59.Ke3 Kd7 60.Rf6 Kc7 61.Kf3 c3** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Harsha,B** **2567**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2645**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Late blitz (4) 26.3.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e5
[5...e6 6.b5 *(6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8* Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40)]
6.Bg2 Bxb4N
[6...Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.b5 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Bg2 Ngf6 12.d3 Qe7+ 13.Kf1 Nc5 14.Bc6+ Kf8 15.Ra2 Nfd7 16.gxf4 Qf6 17.Nd2 Qxf4 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.h4 h5 20.Bg5 Ne5 21.Nxc5 Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) Tbilisi 2017 CBM 181 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (50) Bxc5 22.Be4 Qe6 23.Bd5 Qf5 24.Be4 Qe6 25.f3 Rxb5 26.Bd5 Qd6 27.Bxf7 Rb7 28.Bd5 c6 29.Be4 Bxa3 30.Qa4 Bb4 31.f4 Rf7 32.Kg2 Ng4 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Bxc6 Ne3+ 35.Kf3 g6 36.Be4 Salman,F (2675)-Oskooei,M (2707) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2017 CBM 145 [FS 12/1979 p311] 1-0 (50)]
7.f4! Strongly threatening Qa4+. **7...Nc6 8.fxe5** White has an edge. **8...Nge7 9.0-0**
[9.e6!?]
9...0-0 0.53/19
[9...Nxe5= 0.17/16 might be stronger. 10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Qa4+ Nd7]
10.f4± d3 Hoping for ...Qd4+. **11.Bb2** Against Qd4+ **11...Nd4 12.Nc3**
[12.Bxb7 Rb8 13.Be4 Nc2=]
12...Bxc3 13.Bxc3 aiming for Be4. A strong pair of Bishops. **13...Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Nf5** 0.72/21
[14...Qd7± 0.38/17]
15.Rf3!±
[15.Bxb7 Nxc3 16.Qf3 *(16.dxc3 Ne3∓)* 16...Nd4! 17.Qxd3 Na4 18.Bxa8 Qxa8+ 19.Kg1 Rd8∓]
[15.Bb4 Re8 16.Qe1 *(16.Bxb7? Rb8-+)* 16...Qd4∓]
15...Qd7!
[Weaker is 15...Nxc3 16.dxc3 d2 17.Qe2± *(17.Rf2 Ne3±)*]
16.Bb2 -0.85/21
[16.Bf1!± 0.54/17 keeps the upper hand.]
16...Rad8∓ &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed.
17.Qb3? -2.31/21
[17.Rf2!∓ -0.66/18]

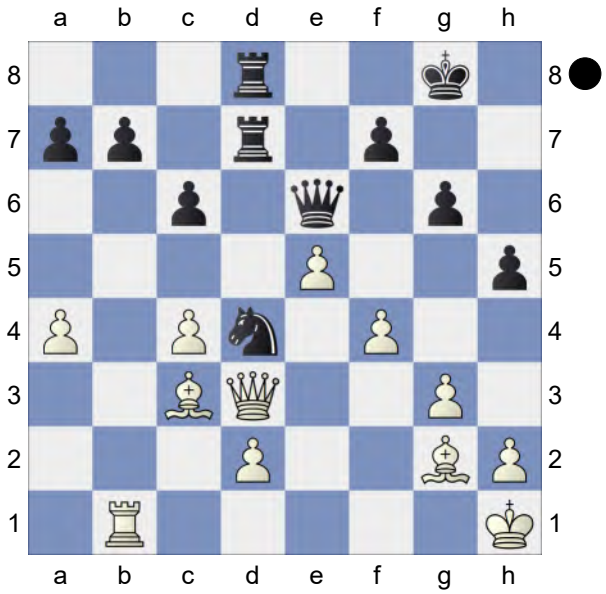
17...Ned4 18.Qd1
[Avoid the trap 18.Qxb7? Rb8 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.cxd5 Nxf3-+]
18...Nxf3 19.Qxf3 c6 -0.81/17
[⌓19...Qe6 -1.32/19 20.Ba3 Rfe8 21.Qxb7 Qh6]
20.Bc3 Qe6 ...Nd4 is the strong threat.
21.Qe4 Inhibits Nd4. **21...h5** -0.48/20
[21...Rfe8∓ -0.85/19 And now ...Nd6! would win. 22.Rb1 Rd7]
22.Bf3 -0.87/18
[22.a4∓ -0.48/20]
22...g6 23.Rb1 Rd7! 24.a4 Rfd8
25.Bg2 -1.89/17
[25.g4!∓ -0.61/18 hxg4 26.Bxg4]



25...Nd4 -1.41/17
[25...Rd4!-+ -1.89/17 26.Bxd4 Rxd4]
26.c5 -2.41/21
[26.Qxd3?

(Diagram)

Nb3! 27.Qf3 Nxd2 28.Bxd2 Rxd2-+]
[26.Rf1∓ -1.41/17]
26...Ne2-+ 27.Qb4 -3.72/19
[27.Ba1 -1.81/17 was forced.]
27...h4 28.gxh4 Qg4 29.e6 Qxe6



30.Ba1 Qg4
[Wrong is 30...f6? 31.a5-+]
31.Qb2 Rd4 32.Rf1 -5.57/17
[32.Qxb7 -2.35/17 was the crucial defense. Rxf4 33.Qe7]
32...Nxf4 Black is clearly winning.
33.Bf3 Qh3 34.Qc1 Ne2 35.Bxd4 Nxc1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2564**
■ **Aronian,L** **2742**
AimChess Rapid Play-In (2.3) 12.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5 Qc7 5.d3 e5 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...h6N**
[8...0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 20.Bd2 Nd7 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1

d3 23.exd3 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez,E (2240) Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Rxc3 0-1 (24) Jasinczuk,J (2130)-Garabedian,V (2240) France 1987 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II]]

9.a4 0-0 10.e3 -0.14/18

[10.a5 0.30/19 deserves consideration.]

10...Bf5 0.32/22

[10...a6= -0.14/18]

11.Nh4 Bg4 12.Bf3 -0.09/20

[⌓12.f3 0.30/19 Be6 13.e4]

12...Bh3 13.Bg2 Bg4 14.Bf3 -0.22/19

[14.f3 0.22/18 should be considered. Be6 15.e4]

14...Bh3 15.Bg2 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 a6 17.Na3 Nbd7 18.e4 Rfe8

[18...Kh7 seems wilder. 19.Nf5 Rg8 20.Bd2 Bf8]

19.f4 axb5 20.Nxb5 Qc6 21.Nf3 -0.15/20

[21.Ra2± 0.39/21]

21...Ra6 22.Bd2 -0.51/20

[White should play 22.Kh1= 0.06/20]

22...Bb8∓ ...exf4 is the strong threat.

23.Qc2 -1.20/19

[23.Kg1!∓ -0.42/18]

23...exf4∓ 24.gxf4

[But not 24.Bxf4? Bxf4 25.gxf4 Ng4]

24...Ng4 aiming for ...f5! **25.Rae1** -1.70/21

[25.h3∓ -1.38/19 Ne3+ 26.Bxe3 dxe3 27.f5]

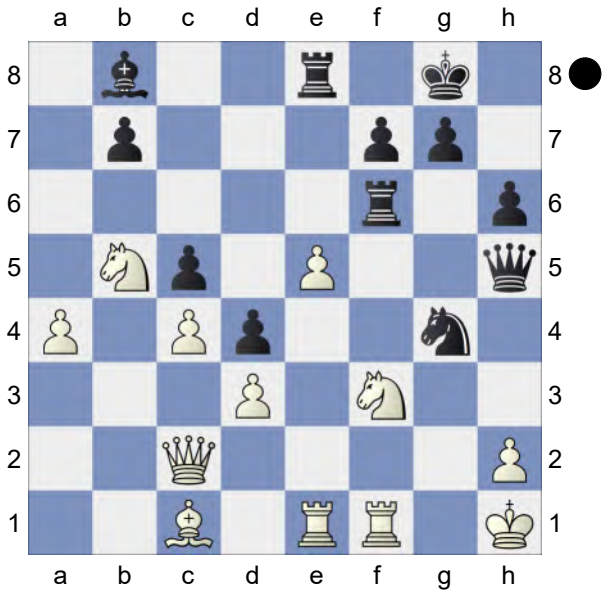
25...Qg6-+ (-> ...Ne3+) **26.Kh1 Qh5!** And now ...Rf6 would win. **27.Bc1** -2.31/18

[27.Re2∓ -1.30/17]

27...Ne3? 0.26/16

[27...Rf6-+ -2.31/18 28.e5 Ndxe5 29.fxe5

(Diagram)



Rxf3! 30.Rxf3 Nxh2! 31.Qxh2 Qxf3+ 32.Qg2 Qf5]

28.Bxe3= dxe3 29.e5 -0.24/22

[⌓29.Ng1! 0.24/21]

29...f6

[29...g5 feels hotter. 30.Rxe3 gxf4 31.Re4 Nxe5 32.d4 cxd4 33.Nbxd4 Rc8]

30.Rxe3

[30.Qg2 looks sharper. fxe5 31.Rg1 Qf7 32.Rxe3 e4 33.Nd2]

30...fxe5 31.Nxe5 -0.62/22

[31.Rg1= -0.13/23]

31...Nxe5 32.fxe5 -1.71/20

[32.Qd1∓ -0.72/21 Qxd1 33.Rxd1]

32...Rxe5-+ 33.Rxe5 Bxe5 34.Rf2 Rg6→ White must now prevent ...Bxh2! Black attacks with force. **35.Qe2 Qh4 36.Rf1**

[Not 36.Qf3? Rf6 37.Qd5+ Kh7 38.Qe4+ Qxe4+ 39.dxe4 Rxf2-+]

36...Rg5 -1.11/19

[36...Qg5-+ -2.29/21 Hoping for ...b6. 37.a5 Kh7]

37.Nd6? -4.30/22 **Rh5?** -0.65/21

[Better is 37...Bxd6-+ -4.30/22 38.Qe6+ Kh7 39.Qe4+ Qxe4+ 40.dxe4 Rh5]

38.Rf2 -6.87/21 **Bxd6 39.Qe6+ Kh7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.45
0-1

A09

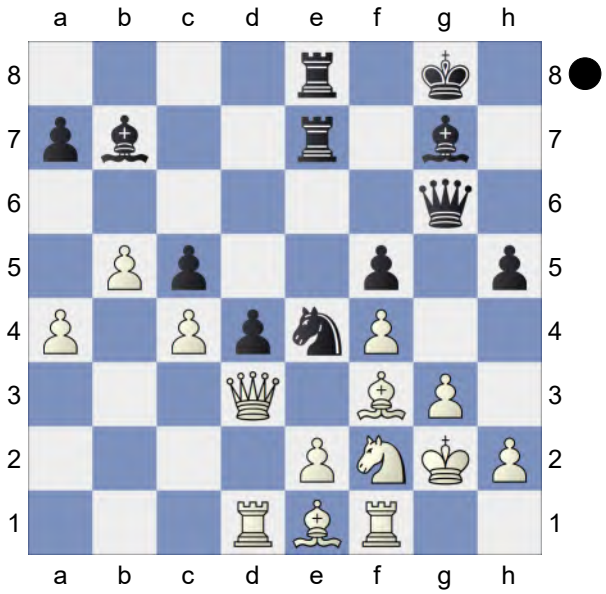
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Klimkowski,Jan** **2531**
Speed Chess Poland blitz (4.9) 29.01.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3N
[4.Qa4+ c6
A) 5.h3 a5 *(5...Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 Nd7 8.g4 a5 9.b5 Nb6 10.Qb3 cxb5 11.Qxb5+ Bd7 12.Qb3 Ba4 13.Qa3* Advance Reti Sidelines-Advance Reti: 3...g5 #8 The Roaring Reti: a Complete 1. Nf3 Rep 2023*)* 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 b6 8.g3 Bb7 9.c5 Nd7 10.cxb6 axb4 11.Qxb4 c5 12.Qb3 Qxb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.Rb1 Ra6 15.a4 Advance Reti Sidelines-Advance Reti: 3...g5 #2 The Roaring Reti: a Complete 1. Nf3 Rep 2023;
B) 5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Wolf,L (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]
[4.h3 h6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]
4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5!
[5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]
6.Nh3N
[6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39) 21.Rc1 Rhf8 22.Rc4 Be5 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1 Nf4 25.Rh1 Nxh3 26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2 Re1 28.Rf3 Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+ 31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ 34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6 Rc1 Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)]
6...Ne7 0.48/22
[6...Nd7= -0.18/24]
[6...a5= -0.13/20]
7.g3!± Bf5 0.93/23
[7...b5± 0.50/23 is superior.]
8.Bg2 0.56/23 White is better.
[8.d3± 0.93/23]
8...c6 1.04/20
[8...Qc8± 0.56/23 feels stronger. 9.Ng5 h6]
[8...d3± 0.60/19]
9.d3± h6 Against Ng5 **10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4** aiming for Nd6+. **11...0-0 12.Nd6** Inhibits b5. Against b5 **12...Be6** aiming for ...Nf6. **13.Nxb7 Qc7** 1.59/20
[⌓13...Qc8 1.27/23]
14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 1.22/21

[16.0-0+- 1.67/19]
16...c5 1.55/19
[⌓16...f4 1.22/21]
17.b5 1.18/19
[⌓17.Qa3 1.55/19]
17...Ng6 1.96/20
[17...e4± 1.18/19]
[17...Kh8± 1.50/15 18.0-0 Rg8]
18.Nf2 1.13/22
[White should try 18.Nc6+- 1.96/20]
18...Nf6 1.55/22
[⌓18...e4 1.13/22]
[18...a6± 1.12/18]
19.Nc6 Rb7 1.92/15
[19...Rbe8± 1.46/17 is a better defense. 20.Qa3 Qd6]
20.Qa3+- Qd6 21.Nxe5 1.02/21 **Nxe5± 22.f4!** Discovered Attack **22...Nxc4 23.dxc4 Re7 24.Qd3 Bc8 25.0-0** Threatens to win with Rfe1. **25...Rfe8 26.Bf3** 0.84/17
[⌓26.Bc6 1.24/18]
26...Ne4 27.a4 0.27/21
[27.Bh5!± 0.85/20]
27...Bb7 0.93/16
[Better is 27...Qg6!± 0.39/19]
28.Rad1 0.04/18
[28.Bh5!± 0.53/19]
28...Qg6!= 29.Kg2 -0.77/22
[29.Bg2= 0.16/21 keeps the balance.]
[29.Kh1= 0.26/18]
29...h5∓ 30.Be1 -1.42/20
[Better is 30.Bc1∓ -0.65/22]
[30.Kh1∓ -0.40/17]

(Diagram)

30...h4!∓ &Nero is much more active. 0x0.0020e918fee7dp-1022s more active pieces. **31.Nh3** -2.24/19
[31.g4∓ -1.27/22 was worth a try.]

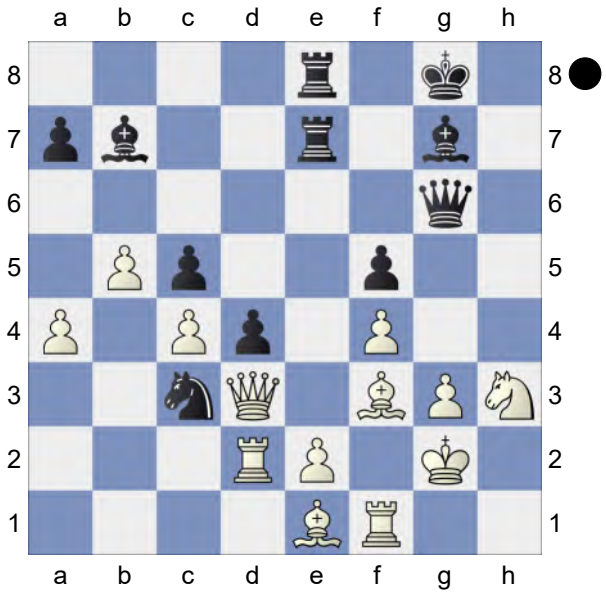


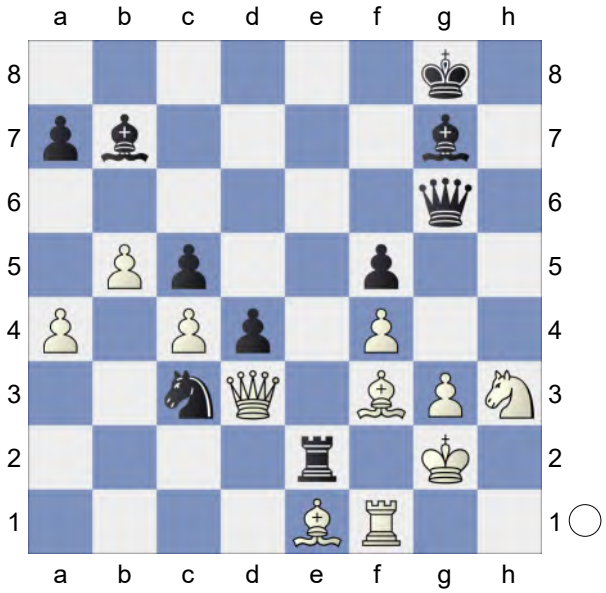
31...hxg3-+ 32.hxg3 Nc3 -1.54/21
[32...Bf6-+ -1.93/19 White must now prevent ...Nxg3! 33.Rh1 Nc3 34.Bxc3 *(34.Bxb7? Rxe2+ 35.Nf2 R8e3-+)* 34...Rxe2+ 35.Nf2 R8e3 36.Qxe2 Rxe2 37.Bxb7 dxc3]
33.Rd2 -2.23/18
[Don't play Much weaker is 33.Bxb7 Rxe2+ 34.Bf2 *(34.Kg1? R8e3-+)* 34...R8e3 35.Qxe3 dxe3 36.Rd8+ Bf8∓]
[⌓33.Bf2 -1.70/22]
[33.Bxc3∓ -1.54/21 was worth a try. Rxe2+ 34.Rf2]

(Diagram)

33...Rxe2+? 0.00/26 Dancing on a razor blade. The board is on fire.
[Stronger than Weaker is 33...Nxa4 34.Ra2 Nb6 35.Bxb7 *(35.Ng5=)* 35...Rxb7 36.Bf2=]
[Black should try 33...Be4!-+ -2.23/18 34.Bxe4 fxe4]
34.Rxe2= Rxe2+

(Diagram)





35.Bf2? -5.14/24 Now White is beyond hope.

[35.Qxe2!= 0.04/19 and White is okay. Nxe2 36.Bxb7]

35...Be4-+ Black is clearly winning.

36.Qd1 Bxf3+ 37.Kxf3 Qh5+ 38.Kg2 Nxd1 What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.22 (precise)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.23 (precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Chigaev,M** **2632**

■ **Sarana,A** **2668**

Titled Tue 8th Nov Late blitz (11) 8.11.22

[Kitty Kat]

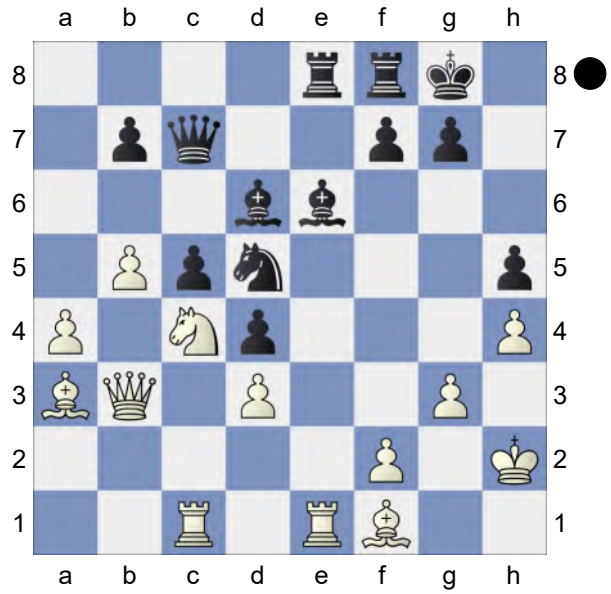
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 e6N

[5...a5 6.b5 Qc7 7.e3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bh5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nh3 h6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.e4 Kh8 18.Nf2 Ng8 19.h4 a4 20.Bh3 Van Assche,J (2438)-Keuter,K (2425) ICCF 2020 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Tijdschrift Belgien(Übersetzt Bellmann)] 1-0 (58) Nf8 21.Kh1 Nf6 22.Rg1 Bg6 23.Bc1 Bd6 24.Bf5 Nh5 25.Nf1 Nd7 26.Qd1 Ra8 27.a3 b6 28.Nh3 Ra7 29.Re2 Nf8 30.Rh2 Qe7 31.g4 Nf4 32.Ng3 Nxh3 33.Rxh3 Ne6 34.Rh2 Rf8 35.Qf1 7.♗e2 e6 8.h3 (2438)-Weber,S (2425) Washington 2020 CYB 12 [FS 1972 p36?] 1-0 (58)]

[5...Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]

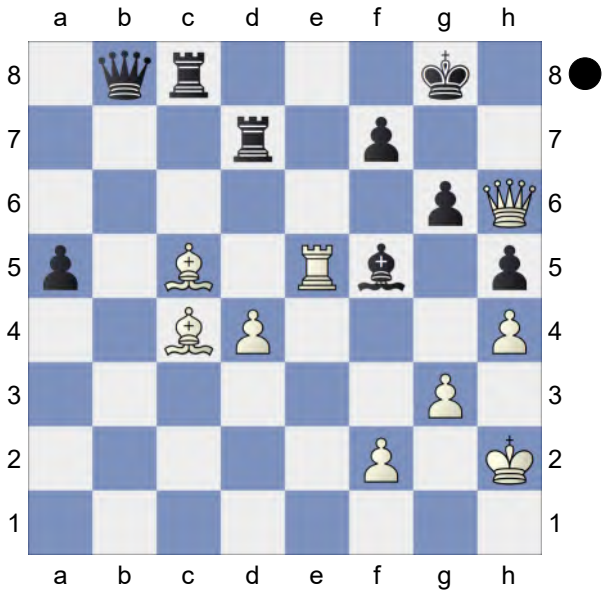
6.Bg2 Nc6 7.b5 Na5 8.d3 The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.e3 e5 11.Re1 a6 12.a4 h6 13.exd4 exd4 14.Nbd2 Bf5 15.Qc2 Bh7 16.h3 Qc7 17.Nb3** -0.28/20
[17.Nf1 0.15/21 feels stronger.]
17...axb5 18.cxb5 -0.53/23
[18.Nxa5= -0.22/22 is superior. Rxa5 19.cxb5]
18...Nd5∓ 19.Nxa5 Nb4 20.Qb3 Qxa5 21.Bf1 Bf5 22.Nd2 Qc7! 23.Kh2 -1.18/20
[23.Ba3∓ -0.56/22]
23...h5!∓ 24.h4 Qd8 0.00/22
[24...Rfe8∓ -1.14/20]
25.Kg1= Be6 1.13/26
[25...Qc7= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 26.Ne4 Be6]
26.Nc4? -0.40/22
[26.Rxe6± 1.13/26 fxe6 27.Qxe6+ Rf7 28.Ne4]
26...Qc7!∓ 27.Kh2 Rae8 28.Ba3 Nd5 0.46/21
[28...Qd8!∓ -0.64/20 29.Kg1 g5]
29.Rac1? -1.83/17
[29.Qc2!± 0.46/21 Nc3 30.Bb2]



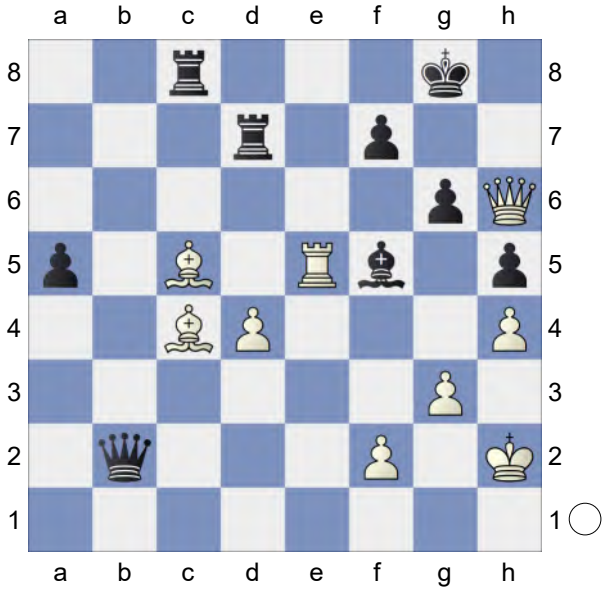
29...b6 -1.09/22
[Black should try 29...Bf4!-+ -1.83/17 Hoping for ...Ne3! 30.Rb1 *(30.gxf4? Qxf4+ 31.Kg1 Qg4+ 32.Kh2 Qxh4+ 33.Kg1 Qg5+ 34.Kh1 Nf4-+; 30.Bxc5 Qxc5)* 30...Nc3]
30.Qd1 g6 -0.03/20
[30...Nf6!∓ -1.18/20 31.Nxd6 Qxd6]
31.Qd2 -0.55/23
[31.a5!= -0.03/20 Be7 32.Bg2 bxa5 33.Qd2]
31...Nc3 32.a5 -1.68/24
[32.Rxc3∓ -0.82/20 dxc3 33.Qxc3 Bxc4 34.Bb2]
32...bxa5? 0.06/15
[32...Bxc4-+ -1.68/24 33.axb6 Qb8 34.dxc4 Ne4 35.Rxe4 Rxe4]
33.b6= Qd7↑ Black fights for an advantage. **34.Nxd6 Qxd6 35.Rxc3** -0.34/15
[35.Bg2= 0.02/21]
35...dxc3∓ 36.Qxc3 Qxb6 37.Bxc5 Rc8 38.d4 -1.31/17
[38.Bxb6∓ -0.40/20 Rxc3 39.Bxa5]
38...Qb8 -0.04/17
[38...a4!∓ -1.31/17 39.Qe3 Qb3 40.Bxf8 Qxe3 41.Rxe3 Kxf8]
39.Qe3? -2.20/20
[39.Qxa5= -0.04/17 Rfd8 40.Rxe6 fxe6 41.Qe1]
39...Rfd8 -1.17/19
[39...Rfe8!-+ -2.20/20 And now ...Bd5 would win. 40.Qf3 a4]
40.Qh6 Bf5 -0.01/24
[40...Bd5∓ -1.36/16 Threatens to win with ...Re8. 41.Be7 Qb2]
41.Bc4 White threatens Bxf7+! and mate. This bishop pair is nice. **41...Rd7 42.Re5**

(Diagram)

Rxf5! is the strong threat. Dancing on a razor blade. **42...Qb2?** 5.85/25



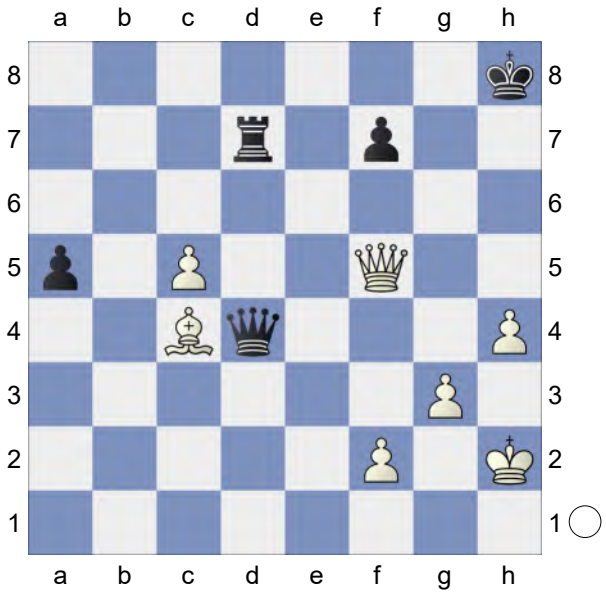
[42...Rxc5!= -0.15/21 and Black is okay. 43.Rxc5 Rxd4 44.Bxf7+ Kxf7 45.Rc7+ Rd7 46.Qh7+ Kf6 47.Rxd7 Bxd7 48.Qxd7 Qe5]



43.Rxf5!+- gxf5 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Qxh5+ Kg8 46.Qg6+ Kh8 47.Qh6+ Kg8 48.Qg5+ Kh8 49.Qxf5 Rxc5 50.dxc5 Endgame KQR-KQB **50...Qd4**

(Diagram)

51.c6! Rc7 52.Bd3? 0.43/18



[52.Bxf7+- 3.83/20 Qd6 53.Bd5]

52...Kg7!± 53.Qg5+! Kf8 54.Bf1 -0.10/20 &Bianco is more active.

[54.Qxa5± 0.75/20 Rc8 55.Qa6 Qxf2+ 56.Kh3]

54...a4

[Much weaker is 54...Qxf2+ 55.Bg2 Rxc6 56.Qxa5∓]

55.Bg2 a3 56.Qa5? -4.71/23

[56.Bd5= 0.00/26 Rxc6 57.Bxc6]

56...Qd6? 0.00/25

[Better is 56...Ra7-+ -4.71/23 57.Qd5 Qxd5 58.Bxd5 Ra5]

57.Qa8+ Kg7 Strongly threatening ... Qc5. **58.Qa5** Against Qc5 **58...f6 59.h5 Qe7 60.f4?** -4.63/28

[60.Bf3= 0.12/23]

60...Kf8? 0.00/25

[60...Ra7-+ -4.63/28 61.Qf5 a2 62.Qg4+ Kf8]

61.Qa8+ Kg7 62.Qa5? -4.57/22

[62.Bf3= 0.00/22 and White has nothing to worry.]

62...Qd6? 0.00/26

[62...Ra7-+ -4.57/22 63.Qf5 a2 64.Qg4+ Kf8]

63.Qf5 Kf8 64.h6 a2! 65.Qa5 Rh7 1.65/24

[65...f5!± 0.31/20 66.Qxa2 Qxh6+ 67.Kg1 Qg7]

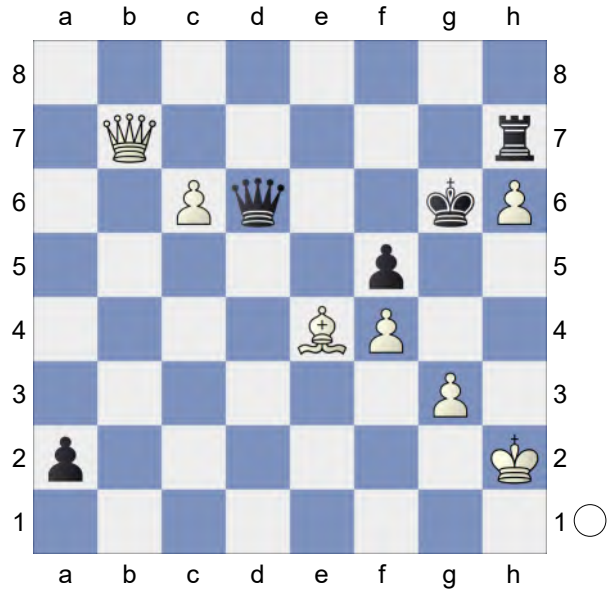
66.Qa8++- Kf7 67.Qb7+? 0.00/25

[67.Qxa2++- 2.61/19 Kf8 68.Qa8+ Kf7 69.Qb7+ Kg8 70.Qc8+ Kf7 71.Qh3]

67...Kg6? 5.58/16

[67...Qe7= 0.00/25 68.Qb3+ *(68.Bd5+? Kg6-+)* 68...Kf8 69.Qb8+ *(69.Qxa2 Rxh6+ 70.Bh3 Rh5=)* 69...Qe8 70.Qd6+ Kf7 71.Bd5+ Kg6 72.f5+ Kxf5 73.Qf4+ Kg6 74.Be4+ Kf7 75.Bd5+ Kg6 76.Be4+ Kf7 77.Bd5+ Kg6]

68.Be4+ f5



69.Bxf5+! Kxf5 70.Qxh7+ KQ-KQ

70...Kg4? 0.01/26

[70...Ke6+- 5.04/22 71.f5+ Ke5]

71.Qg8+ Kf3 72.Qb3+ Kg4 73.Qxa2? 0.00/34

[Only move: 73.Qg8++- 5.58/29 Kf5 74.Qxa2 Qxh6+ 75.Kg1 Qxc6 76.Qe2 Qb6+ 77.Kh2]

73...Qxh6+= 74.Kg1 Black must now prevent Qe2+. **74...Qxc6 75.Qf2 Qc1+ 76.Kh2 Qd1** Inhibits Qe2+. **77.Qg2?** 5.55/22

[77.f5= 0.03/22 Qd6 78.f6]

77...Kf5+- 78.Qh3+ Ke4 79.Qe6+? 0.01/29

[White should play 79.Qh7++- 5.52/24 Ke3 80.Qe7+ Kf3 81.Qb7+ Kg4 82.Qc8+ Kh5 83.Qf5+ Kh6 84.Qf6+ Kh7 85.Kh3 Qh1+ 86.Kg4]

79...Kf3= 80.Qc6+? 250.00/21

[80.Qa2= 0.01/29 Qf1 81.Qd2]

80...Ke3+- 81.Qe6+? 0.06/20

[81.Qc3++- 250.00/34 Ke2 82.Qc4+ Kf3 83.Qc6+ Ke2 84.Qg2+ Ke3 85.Qg1+ Qxg1+ 86.Kxg1]

81...Kf3= 82.Qc6+ Ke3 83.Qb6+? 0.01/16

[83.Qc3++- 28.28/29 Ke2 84.Qc4+ Kf3 85.Qc6+]

83...Kf3 84.Qb7+ Ke3? 5.77/21

[84...Kg4= 0.01/24]

85.Qa7+? 0.01/21

[85.Qb5+- 5.77/21 Qc2+ 86.Kh3]

85...Kf3 86.Qa8+ Ke3? 4.33/19

[86...Kg4= 0.16/21]

87.Qe8+? 0.01/27

[87.Qg2+- 4.33/19 aiming for Qg1+. Qd3 88.Kg1]

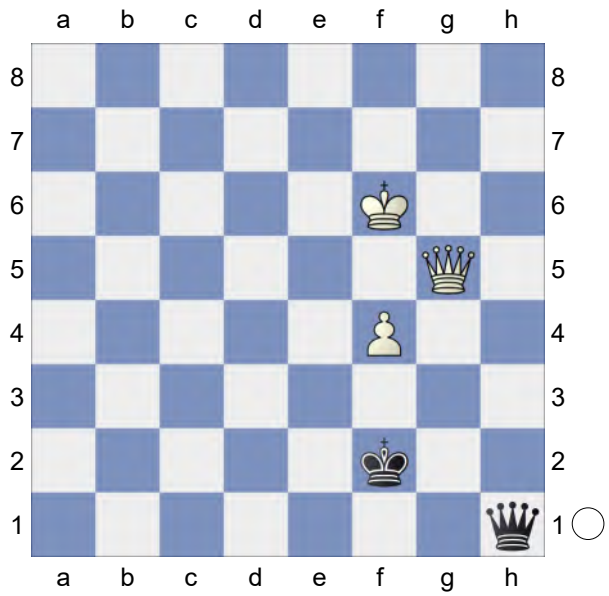
87...Kf2 (-> ...Qg1+) **88.Kh3 Qh1+ 89.Kg4 Qf3+! 90.Kf5 Qxg3 91.Qe5 Qh3+ 92.Kg5 Qg3+ 93.Kf6 Qh4+ 94.Qg5 Qh1?** 5.87/19

[94...Qh8+= 0.04/19 and Black stays safe. 95.Kf7 Qh7+ 96.Kf6 Qh8+ 97.Kf7 Qh7+ 98.Kf6 Qh8+]

(Diagram)

95.f5!+- Qb7 96.Kg6 Qe4 97.Kg7 Qd4+ 98.f6 Kf3 99.Kg8 Intending f7 and mate. **99...Qc4+ 100.f7** Threatening mate with Kg7. **100...Qb3 101.Kg7 Qb2+ 102.Qf6+** White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/

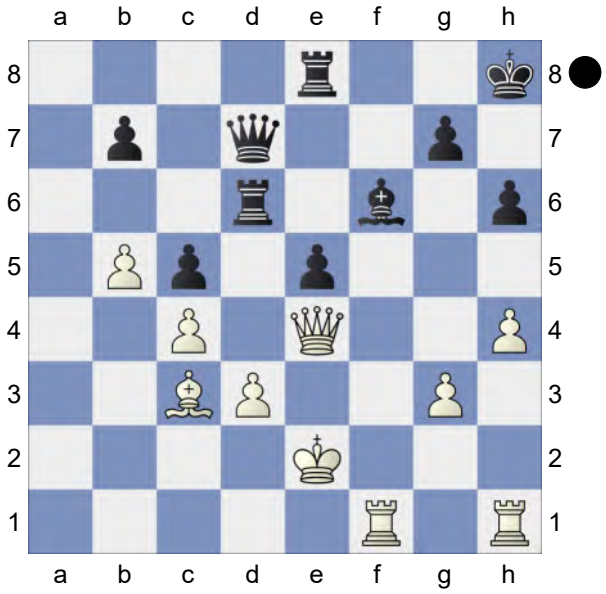


Black=0.65
1-0

A09
□ **Jones,G** **2618**
■ **Ter Sahakyan,S** **2609**
chess.com SpeedChess Q1Sw blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.b5N -0.25/22
[6.Bg2! 0.24/18 was preferrable. e5 7.0-0 cxb4 *(7...Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1* Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½ *)* 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D] 1-0 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7 Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5 0-1 (28) Frolov, D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander]]
6...e5 Threatens to win with ...e4. **7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2** Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Bg2 h6 10.Qc2 Re8 11.e4** -0.76/21
[11.0-0= -0.30/20]
11...dxe3 12.fxe3 Ng4 13.Ke2 f5 0.53/19
[13...Nd7∓ -0.78/17]
14.Nh4
[14.h3!? Nf6 15.e4=]
14...f4 15.Bd5+ Be6 Hoping for ...Bxd5.
16.Bxe6+ -0.27/16
[White should try 16.e4!± 0.31/19]
16...Rxe6= 17.Nf5 -0.62/19
[17.e4!= -0.24/20]
17...Nd7 0.64/20
[17...Qf7!∓ -0.62/19 18.e4 g6 19.Nxd6 *(19.h3 gxf5 20.hxg4 fxg4∓)* 19...Rxd6]
18.Ne4 -0.40/18
[18.gxf4!± 0.64/20 exf4 19.Rag1 *(19.Qc3? Be5-+)*]
18...Rf8!∓ 19.h3! Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Dancing on a razor blade. **20...fxe3 21.Raf1 Nf6 22.Kxe3 Be7 23.Qg2** -0.74/18 Active counter play!
[23.Rf5= -0.19/17 remains equal.]
23...Kh8 0.25/18
[23...Rd8∓ -0.74/18]
24.Bc3!= Qd7 25.Nxf6 -0.27/20
[Better is 25.Rf5 0.30/19]
25...Bxf6 26.Qe4! Rd6 0.00/21
[26...a6∓ -0.46/21 27.a4 axb5 28.axb5 Rd6]
27.Ke2
[27.Bxe5? Re8 28.Bxd6 Rxe4+ 29.Kxe4 Qxd6-+]

27...a6 aiming for ...Rd8. **28.a4**
[28.Bxe5? Re8 29.Bxd6 Rxe4+ 30.dxe4 Qxd6 31.bxa6 Qxa6-+]
28...axb5 29.axb5 Re8 30.h4



Rd4! 31.Qf5
[Wrong is 31.Bxd4? exd4 32.Rf4 Rxe4+-+]
31...Qxf5 0.27/17
[⌓31...e4 -0.12/22 32.Qxd7 Rxd7 33.Bxf6 exd3+ 34.Kd1 gxf6]
32.Rxf5 Rd7 33.Re1 e4 34.Bxf6 exd3+? 4.36/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[34...gxf6= 0.21/17 and Black is okay. 35.Rxf6 Kg7]
35.Kd2+- Rxe1 36.Kxe1 gxf6 37.Rxc5 d2+ 38.Kd1 And now b6 would win.
38...Rd4? 8.47/21
[38...Kg7 3.94/19 39.Rc8 *(39.Rd5 Rc7+-)* 39...Kf7]
39.Rc7 Kg8 40.b6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.50
1-0

A09
□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2597**
■ **Alekseenko,K** **2686**
Chessable Masters Div 3 W rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
There has been some discussion in the forums about the theoretical status of the pawn advance 2...d4 against the Réti, which, in practice is dwarfed in popularity by 2...c6 and 2...e6. As the saying goes, however, "numbers don't lie", and indeed, Black scores significantly better with 2...d4 than any other choice at that juncture. GM Alexander Delchev, author of "The Modern Reti: An Anti-Slav Repertoire", even calls it "the most unpleasant retort to 2.c4". **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.d3 e5 5.a3 a5**
[5...c5 6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.axb4 Bxb4 10.Ba3 Nge7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Ne1 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Nb4 14.Nc2 Nec6 15.Nxb4 Nxb4 16.Nb3 Ra7 17.Qd2 b6 18.Qxb4 axb4 19.Rxa7 f5 20.Bd5+ 3.e3 c5 4. ♗f6 gf6 5. ♘c3_3 (2605)-Folkova,M (2567) Czech Republic 2001 CYB 12 [John Watson] ½-½ (43)]
6.b5 Ne7 7.e3N
[7.g3 Nd7 8.Bg2 Nc5 9.a4 Ng6 10.Ba3 Be6 11.Nfd2 Qc8 12.h4 Bd6 13.h5 Nf8 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 Nd7 16.Nd2 Nc5 17.Qc2 0-0 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.Qxb3 f5 20.Qc2 Bxa3 21.Rxa3 Rf6 8.a4 b4 9.♘bd2 ♗b7 (2450)-Costello,A (2492) corr ICCF 2013 200 Traps In The Opening [Ruester] 0-1 (42) 22.Ra1 f4 23.Kd2 fxg3 24.fxg3 Rf2 25.Bf3 Bg4 26.Rhf1 Rh2 27.c5 Kh8 28.Qc4 Qf5

29.Qd5 Qg5+ 30.Kc2 c6 31.bxc6 bxc6 32.Qf7 h6 33.Rab1 e4 34.Bxg4 exd3+ 35.Kxd3 Qe3+ 36.Kc2 d3+ Van der Werf,M (2450)-Burg,T (2492) Wijk aan Zee NED 2013 [John Bartholomew] 0-1 (42) 37.Kb2 dxe2 38.Rfe1 Qd4+ 39.Ka3 Qxg4 40.Rb3 Rd8 41.Qc7 Rd1 42.Qf7 Kh7 Chapter-Games Game 1 (42)]

7...dxe3 8.Bxe3 -0.43/22

[8.fxe3= 0.25/21 b6 9.Nc3]

8...Nf5 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Be2 Nd7 11.Na4 -0.89/18

[11.d4!= -0.09/19]

11...Bd6 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Qc1 -0.96/21

[13.d4∓ -0.62/18 deserves consideration. Bxa3 14.dxe5]

13...Nc5∓ 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne1 -1.70/19

[15.Re1∓ -0.94/16]

15...b6 16.Nc2 Rd8 17.Qb2 0-0 18.Rad1 -1.65/18

[18.Bxc5∓ -1.06/19 was worth a try. Qxc5 19.Qc1]

18...Nd4 -0.91/24

[18...Nxe3-+ -1.65/18 19.fxe3 e4]

19.Bxd4 -1.23/20

[⌓19.Nxd4 -0.91/24 Bxd4 20.Qb3]

19...Bxd4

[Stronger than 19...exd4 20.Bf3∓]

20.Qc1 Qc5 -0.93/20

[⌓20...Bc5 -1.31/18 21.Bf3 g6]

21.Bf3 Rd7 22.Ne3 Bxe3 -0.64/16

[Black should try 22...Kh8∓ -1.02/18]

23.fxe3∓ f5 24.Kh1 Rfd8 25.Be2 g6 26.a4 Bf7 27.Rfe1 c6 -0.09/23

[27...Rd6∓ -0.67/20]

28.Bf1 cxb5 29.axb5 Rc7 30.Qa1 Rcd7 Against d4 **31.h3 Re7 32.Qc3 Rc7 33.Qa1** -0.39/21

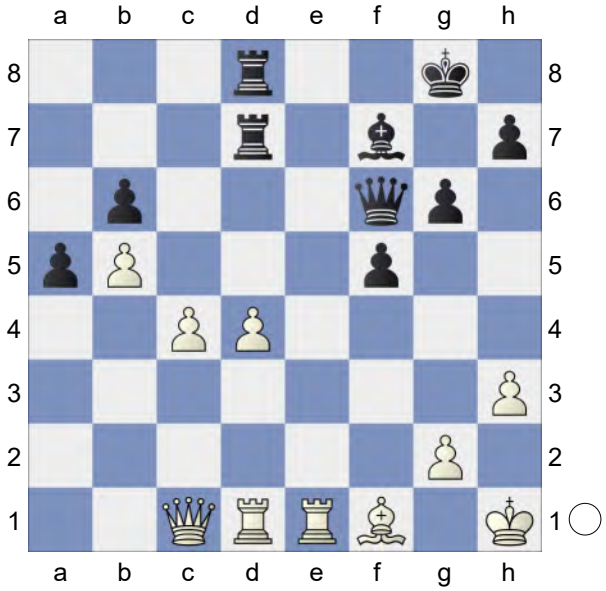
[33.Qb2= -0.07/20]

33...Rcd7 34.Qc1 Rd6 35.Qa1 R6d7 36.Qc1 Qe7 0.10/18

[Better is 36...h6∓ -0.59/19]

37.d4= exd4 38.exd4 Qf6 1.11/19

[38...Qb4= 0.19/18 keeps the balance.]

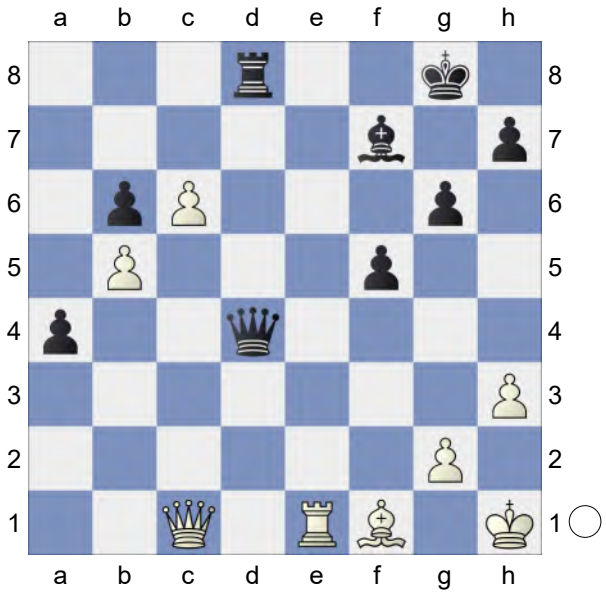


39.c5!± Black must now prevent c6.

[But not 39.d5?! Re7=]

39...Rxd4 40.Rxd4 Qxd4 41.c6 a4 1.38/19

[⌓41...Kg7 0.94/19]

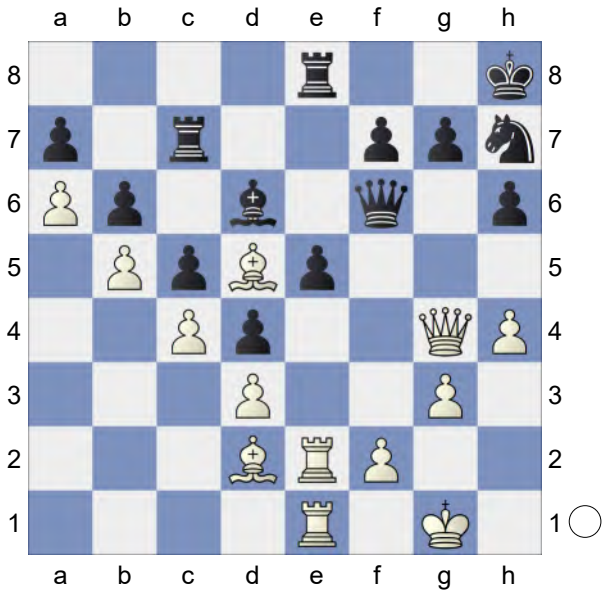


42.c7 0.00/21

[42.Re7!± 1.38/19]
42...Rc8↑ Threatens to win with ...Qd6. Black has good play. The position is equal. **43.Qc6** Prevents Qd6. aiming for Qb7. **43...Qf4 44.Qxb6 Qxc7 45.Qa6 Qc3 46.b6 Qxe1 47.Qxc8+ Kg7 48.b7 Qxf1+ 49.Kh2 Qf4+ 50.Kg1 Qe3+ 51.Kh1 Qe1+ 52.Kh2 Qe5+ 53.Kh1 Qe1+ 54.Kh2 Qe5+ 55.Kh1 Qe1+** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

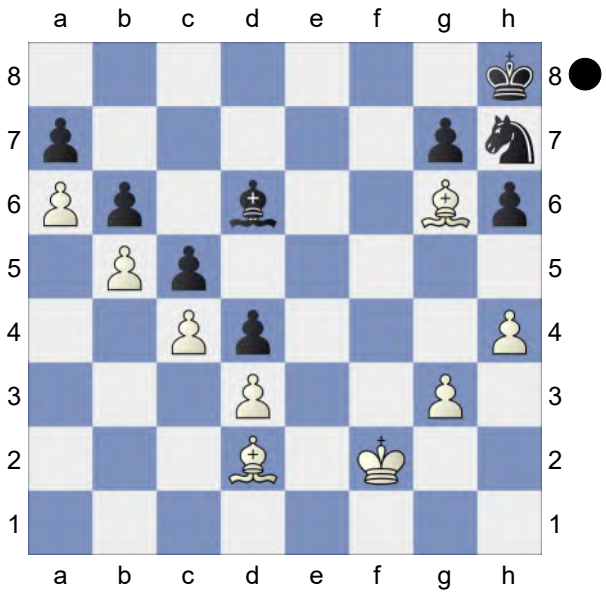
A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2694**
■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2635**
Bundesliga 2021-22 (15.6) 10.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Nf6
[3...c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw,John] ½-½]
4.g3 c5 5.Qa4+
[5.Bg2 cxb4 6.a3 bxa3 7.Bxa3 Nc6 8.0-0 g6 9.d3 Bg7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qc2 h6 12.Rfb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Rd8 14.Bc5 e5 15.Nbd2 Be6 16.Ne1 b6 17.Ba3 Rac8 18.Qb2 Qd7 19.Nc2 e4 Maevsky,N (2277)-Niemann,H (2674) Astana 2023 0-1]
5...Qd7N 0.10/16
[5...Bd7 -0.26/17 is superior. 6.b5 Bf5 *(6...Bc8 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.e3 e5 9.0-0 Be7 10.d3 0-0 11.Qb3 Re8 12.a4 a6 13.Re1 h6 14.Nbd2 axb5 15.cxb5 dxe3 16.fxe3 c4 17.Qxc4 Nb6 18.Qc2 Bf5 19.Nxe5 Bb4 20.Bb2 Rc8 21.Qd1* Lesson 3-3.b4 Rare options [GM Ivan Cheparinov] (31) *)*]
6.b5= Qc7 7.d3 Nbd7 8.Bg2 The position is equal. **8...e5 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Qc2 0-0 11.a4 Re8 12.Nbd2 Nf8 13.a5 Rb8 14.e3 h6 15.Re1 Bf5** 0.31/17
[15...Bd7= -0.24/17]
16.Nh4 Bd7 17.e4 Qc8 18.Qd1
[18.Nf5!? Bxf5 19.exf5=]
18...Ng6 0.55/16
[18...Bc7= 0.10/17 was preferrable.]
19.Nf5!± Bxf5 20.exf5 Qxf5 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Qf6 23.Bd2 White has strong compensation. **23...Nf8 24.Qg4 Kh8 25.Re2 Nh7 26.a6 b6 27.Rae1** 0x0.0020e918fe30dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **27...Re7 28.Bd5→** White has strong attack. **28...Rbe8** 1.96/18
[28...g5± 1.12/17 keeps fighting.]
29.h4 Rc7 2.39/17
[⌓29...Bc7 1.65/18]



30.f4!+- aiming for fxe5. **30...Ree7**

3.99/20
[30...Rce7 2.37/16 was necessary. 31.fxe5 Bxe5]
31.Kg2 2.09/18
[⩲31.fxe5 3.99/20 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 Bxe5 33.Bf4 Bxf4 34.Re8+ *(34.gxf4 Qd8∓)* 34...Nf8 35.Rxf8+ *(35.gxf4 Kg8=)* 35...Kh7 36.gxf4]
31...Nf8 32.fxe5 Rxe5 2.97/17
[⩲32...Bxe5 2.09/17 33.Qh5 Bd6]
33.Rxe5 Bxe5 34.Rf1 Qd6 35.Bxf7
[Weaker is 35.Rxf7 Rxf7 36.Bxf7 Qc7±]
35...Nh7 36.Qg6 Re7
[36...Nf6? 37.Bg5]
37.Qxd6 Bxd6 38.Bg6 Re2+ 39.Rf2 0.38/20
[39.Kg1+- 1.83/18]
39...Rxf2+± 40.Kxf2

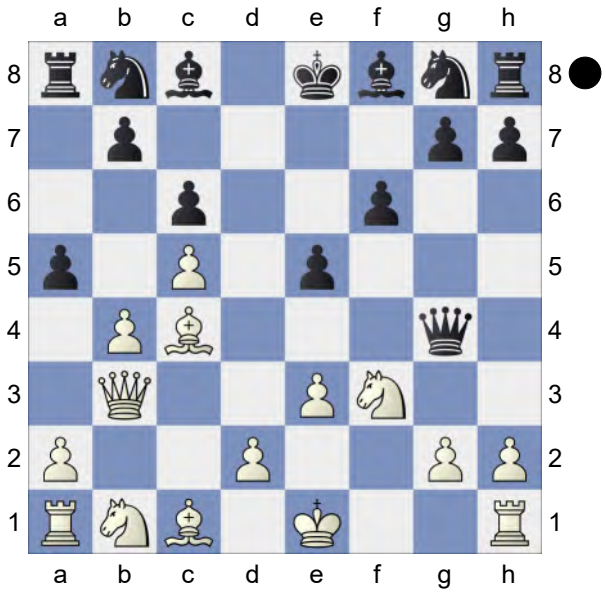


Endgame Threatens to win with Bxh7. KBB-KBN **40...Nf6 41.Kf3** Black must now prevent g4. **41...Kg8 42.g4** Strongly threatening g5. **42...Kf8! 43.Bf5 Ke8 44.Bf4 Ke7 45.g5 hxg5! 46.hxg5 Bxf4??** 3.79/41
[46...Nd7= 0.13/23]
47.Kxf4? 0.00/36
[Only move: 47.gxf6++- 3.79/41 gxf6 48.Kxf4]
47...Kd6? 3.79/44 **48.gxf6+-** White is winning. **48...gxf6** KB-KP **49.Ke4 Kc7 50.Kd5 Kb8 51.Kc6 Ka8 52.Be6** White threatens Kc7 and mate. **52...Kb8 53.Bf5 Ka8 54.Kc7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.41
½-½

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2564**
■ **Sarana,A** **2682**
Titled Tue 3rd Oct Late blitz (9) 03.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

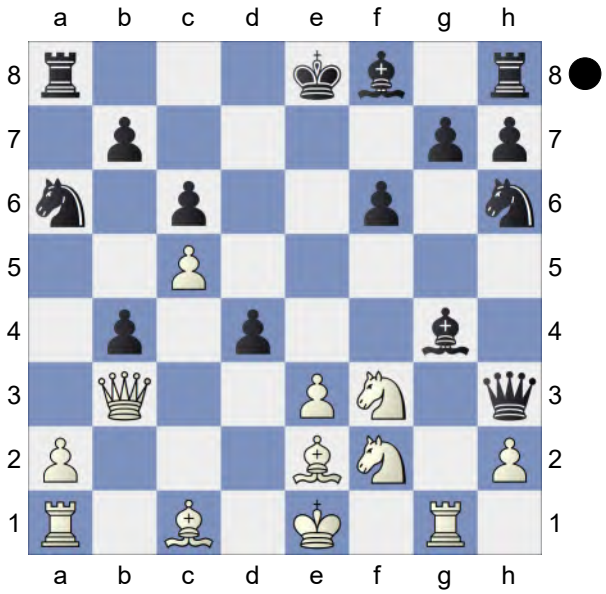
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ -0.61/4
[6.Nxe5= 0.00/4 fxe5 7.Qh5+ Kd7 8.Qf5+ *(8.Qxe5? Qf6-+)* 8...Ke8 9.Qh5+ *(9.Qxe5+? Qe7-+)* 9...Kd7 10.Qf5+ *(10.Qxe5? Qf6-+)* 10...Ke8 11.Qh5+ *(11.Qxe5+? Qe7-+)* 11...Kd7]
6...Qd7 -0.21/3
[6...Bd7∓ -0.61/4 7.b5 Bxc5]
7.Bb5= c6 8.Bc4 White is slightly better. **8...dxe3**
[8...Na6 9.exd4 e4 10.b5 Nb4 11.a3 exf3 12.axb4 Qxd4 13.d3 Qe5+ 14.Be3 fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.bxa5 Nd5 18.d4 Qxh2 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6 Be7 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.Rxa4 0-0 23.Ra8 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2766) Paris Rapid & Blitz 2019 [David Cummings] 1-0 Re8 24.Kd2 Kf8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8 27.Bf4 Ba5+ 28.Kd1 1-0 (28) Duda,J-Grischuk,A Paris 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

9.fxe3 Qg4 10.Qb3N -1.28/5
[10.b5!= 0.19/4 remains equal. e4 11.Nd4 Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bxc5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 Qxh2 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Nf2 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Kf8 19.Rc1 Chapter-Advance Variation D4 e) 6...Qd7 7.Bb5 c6 8. Bc4 dxe3]



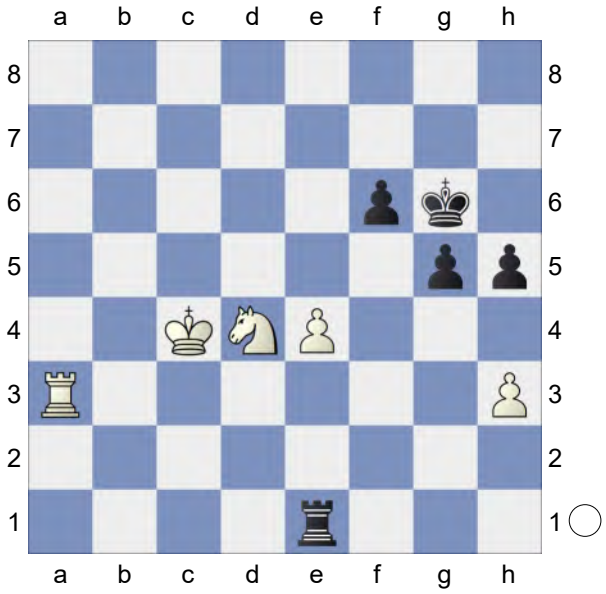
10...Qxg2! 11.Rf1
[11.Rg1 Qxf3 12.Bxg8 Qh5]
11...Nh6↑ Black has the initiative.
12.Nc3 -1.13/2
[12.bxa5!∓ -0.59/1 e4 13.Rf2]
12...axb4∓ 13.Ne4 Na6 -1.17/4
[13...Qg4!-+ -2.43/5 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.cxd6 b5]
14.d4 Bg4 -0.52/2
[14...Ng4∓ -1.01/3 15.Bg8 Nh6]
15.Be2 exd4 16.Rg1 Qh3
[16...Nxc5? 17.Nxc5 *(17.Rxg2? Nxb3 18.Rb1 Nxc1-+)* 17...Qh3 18.exd4 Bxc5 19.Rg3± *(19.dxc5 Nf5±)*]
17.Nf2? -3.95/3

(Diagram)



Qh5? -0.13/5
[17...Nxc5!-+ -3.95/3 18.Qd1 *(18.Nxh3 Nxb3)* 18...Qh5 19.exd4 0-0-0]
18.Nxg4= Remove Defender **18...Nxg4?** 0.96/3
[18...Nxc5-+ -2.92/2 19.Qc4 Nxg4 20.Qxd4 f5]
19.Qe6+± Be7 2.13/2
[19...Kd8± 0.87/3 was worth a try. 20.Qxg4 *(20.Rxg4 Nxc5 21.Rxd4+ Kc7=)* 20...Qxg4 21.Rxg4 d3 22.Bxd3 Nxc5]
20.Qxg4? 0.48/3
[Only move: 20.exd4+- 2.13/2 Bf4 is the strong threat. Nc7 21.Qxg4 Qxg4 22.Rxg4]
20...Qxg4± 21.Rxg4 Nxc5 22.Nxd4 0.36/3
[22.exd4 Nb3 23.Rb1 Nxc1 24.Rxc1 g6±]
[22.Rxg7± 1.05/6 d3 23.Bd1]
22...g6! 23.Bd2 0.07/3
[White should play 23.Nf3± 0.75/5]
23...b3 24.Bc4 -0.15/5
[24.a4 0.20/3 was preferrable.]
24...b5 0.91/5
[24...Ra4!= -0.15/5 keeps the

balance. 25.Ne6 b5 26.Nxc5 Bxc5]
25.Bxb3± Nxb3 26.Nxb3 c5 27.Rc1 Kf7 28.Nxc5 Rxa2 29.Rb4 1.13/3
[29.Nb7+- 1.99/4]
29...Rb8 30.Rb3 Rd8 31.Rd3 Bd6 2.69/3
[31...g5± 1.33/5 32.Rxd8 Bxd8]
32.Ke2+- Be7 33.Rxd8 Bxd8 34.Rb1 2.04/7
[⌓34.Nb3 1.69/3]
34...Ba5 35.Nb3 Bc7 2.22/6
[35...Bxd2± 1.06/1 36.Nxd2 Ra5]
36.h3 Bd6 37.Nd4 b4 38.Kd3 Ra3+ 39.Ke2 Ra2 40.Kd3 Ra3+ 41.Kc4 Be7 42.Rb3
[42.Bxb4 Bxb4 43.Rxb4 Rxe3±]
42...Ra2? 4.15/3
[42...g5± 1.29/4 43.e4 *(43.Bxb4 Bxb4 44.Kxb4 Rxb3+ 45.Kxb3 Kg6±)* 43...Rxb3 44.Kxb3 *(44.Nxb3 h5±)* 44...Bf8]
43.Bxb4 Bxb4 44.Kxb4 Endgame KRN-KR
[Not 44.Rxb4 Rh2 45.Rb7+ Kg8+-]
44...g5? 3.99/5
[44...Rh2 2.33/3 45.e4 g5]
45.Kc4 Rh2 2.29/3
[45...Kg6 3.99/5 is a better defense. 46.e4 h5]
46.e4 Kg6? 4.87/6
[46...Rh1 2.65/3 47.Rb7+ Kg6]
47.Kd5 Rd2 48.Rf3 h5? 4.36/2
[48...Rd1 1.89/2 49.Ra3 h5]
49.Rg3 2.05/2
[⌓49.Ra3 4.36/2 Rd1 50.Ra6]
49...Rd1 50.Rf3? 1.63/4
[50.h4 5.52/1 Threatens to win with e5. Ra1 51.Nc6]
50...Rd2 51.Kc4? 1.64/5
[51.Rb3 4.27/1 Hoping for e5. Rd1 52.Ra3]
51...Rd1? 4.14/5
[51...Ra2 1.64/5 52.Rb3 Ra4+ 53.Kd3 h4]
52.Ra3 Re1



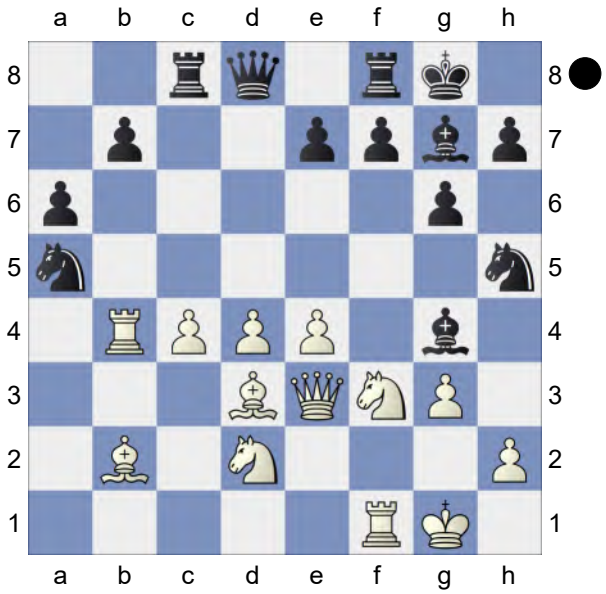
53.Kd5 4.19/4
[53.Kd3!± 1.51/2]
53...Rd1 4.19/4
[⌓53...Kf7 2.91/1 54.Ra7+ Kg8]
54.Rg3 2.05/3
[⌓54.Ra6 4.19/4]
54...Rd2? 5.45/2
[54...Ra1 2.05/3 is tougher. 55.Rb3 Rd1]
55.Rg1? 1.58/5
[55.h4+- 5.45/2 is the precise move to win. Ra2 56.Nc6]
55...Kf7? 3.96/4
[55...h4± 1.58/5 56.Rf1 Rd3]
56.Rg3 And now Ra3 would win.
56...Kg6? 4.88/4
[56...Rd1 2.56/6 keeps fighting. 57.Rc3 Kg6]
57.Rc3? 1.53/4
[57.h4+- 4.88/4 is more deadly. Ra2 58.Nc6]
57...Rd1? 7.90/5
[57...h4± 1.53/4 58.Rc6 Ra2]
58.Rc6? 7.90/5
[58.Rf3± 1.58/1]
58...Rd3? 7.90/5

[58...Re1 2.44/1 59.Nf5 g4]
59.e5 Rxh3 60.Rxf6+ Kh7 61.Nf5 Rd3+ 62.Ke6 White mates. **62...h4 63.Rh6+ Kg8 64.Rg6+ Kh7 65.Rg7+ Kh8 66.Rxg5 h3 67.Kf6 Rf3 68.e6 h2 69.e7 Re3 70.Rh5+ Kg8 71.Rxh2 Re6+ 72.Kg5 Rg6+ 73.Kf4 Re6 74.Rg2+ Kf7 75.Rg3** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=1.04
1-0

A09

□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2670**
■ **Mekhitarian,K** **2554**
Titled Tue 9th Jan Late blitz (11) 9.1.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 a6N
[4...g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.d3 Nh6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.exd4 cxd4 9.g3 e5 10.Bg2 a5 11.b5 a4 12.Ba3 Re8 13.0-0 f5 14.Ne1 Nd7 15.Rc1 Nf7 16.Nc2 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Nb4 Nc5 19.Re1 Chapter Chapter 3-Game 18 Game - 18 (65) Qd6 20.Rb1 Bd7 21.Bd5 Rad8 22.a3 Bc8 23.Rb2 Re7 24.Nf3 Nh6 25.Rbe2 Rde8 26.Qd2 Kg7 27.Qb2 Ng4 28.Qb1 Nf6 29.Kg2 h6 30.Qd1 g5 31.h3 Nh7 32.Kh2 h5 33.h4 g4 34.Nd2 Verlinsky,B-Rubinstein,A Moscow 1925 1-0 (65)]
[4...Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½]
5.e3 dxe3! 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 Nf6 8.Bd3 White has compensation. The position is equal. **8...g6 9.0-0 Bh6 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2** -0.75/20
[11.Qe1± 0.46/17 stays ahead.]
11...Nh5 12.g3 -1.14/16 Inhibits Nf4.
[12.Qf2∓ -0.47/18]
12...Bg4 13.a3 -1.50/16
[⌓13.e5 -1.11/18]
13...Bg7 -0.39/18
[13...Nc6∓ -1.50/16 ...Nxd4! is the strong threat. 14.axb4 Nxd4! 15.Bxd4 Bxf3]
14.Qe3 Nc6 Threatens to win with ... Bxf3. **15.Nbd2 bxa3 16.Rxa3 Rc8 17.Rb3 Na5 18.Rb4** -0.74/20
[18.Ra3= -0.09/19 remains equal.]



18...Qc7 0.26/16

[18...Nxg3!∓ -0.74/20 19.Ra1 *(19.hxg3 Qd6∓)* 19...Nh5]

19.d5 -0.41/21

[19.e5= 0.26/16]

19...Bxb2∓ 20.Rxb2 Qc5 1.03/19

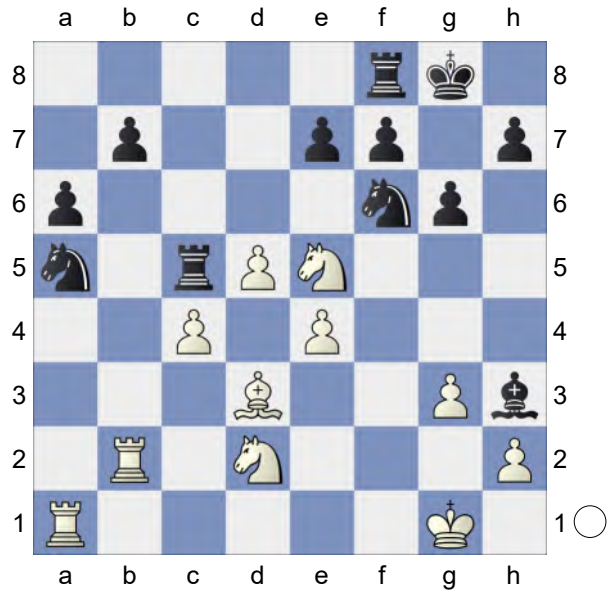
[20...Bxf3∓ -0.41/22 keeps the upper hand. 21.Nxf3 Nf6]

21.Qxc5± Rxc5 22.Ne5 Bh3 0.73/18

[Black should try 22...Bc8 1.08/22]

23.Ra1 &Bianco is more active. **23...Nf6** 1.44/20

[⌓23...f6 0.82/18]



24.Rba2!↑ White has strong initiative.

24...b6 25.Rb2 1.19/18

[White should play 25.Rb1 1.53/20]

25...Rb8 26.Kf2 0.31/21

[26.Rab1± 1.45/18]

26...Nd7 27.Nxd7 Bxd7 28.Ke3 And now Rab1 would win.

[28.Rab1!?]

28...e5? 2.26/20 Loses the game.

[28...Rcc8!± 0.42/18]

29.Rab1+- b5 30.Ra1 Nb7 31.Rxa6 bxc4 3.91/24

[31...Rcc8 2.30/19 32.Nf3 *(32.cxb5 Nc5±)* 32...Nc5 33.Nxe5 Nxd3 34.Kxd3 bxc4+ 35.Kc3 *(35.Nxc4? Rxb2 36.Rxg6+ hxg6-+)* 35...Rxb2 36.Kxb2 Bh3]

32.Nxc4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.44

1-0

A09

□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2597**

■ **Cheparinov,I** **2688**

World Rapid 2022 (13.32) 28.12.2022

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5 Qc7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.a4 a5N** 0.53/19

[9...a6= 0.02/16 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 20.Bd2 Nd7 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1 d3 23.exd3 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Rxc3 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez, E (2240) Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1]

10.e3± Nbd7 11.Re1 Rb8 12.Ra2 b6 13.Rae2 h6 0.64/16

[13...Bb7= 0.26/16]

14.Nh4 dxe3 1.18/18

[Better is 14...g6± 0.64/18]

15.Bxe3 0.71/19

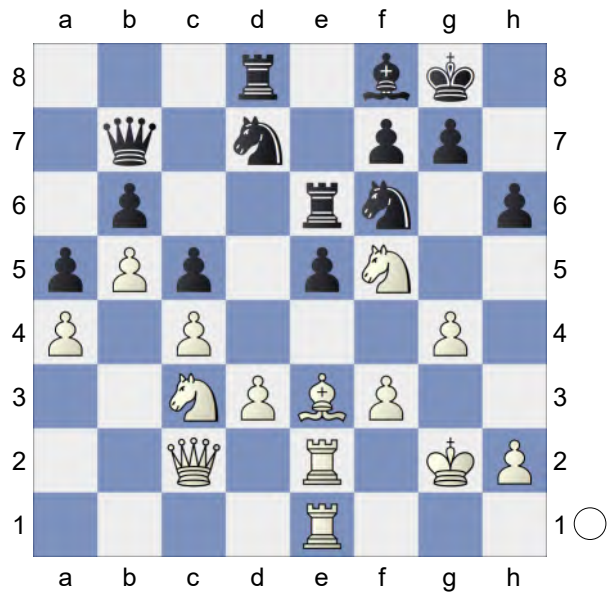
[⌓15.Rxe3 1.18/18 And now Nf5 would win. Re8 16.Bb2]

15...Bb7 1.17/18

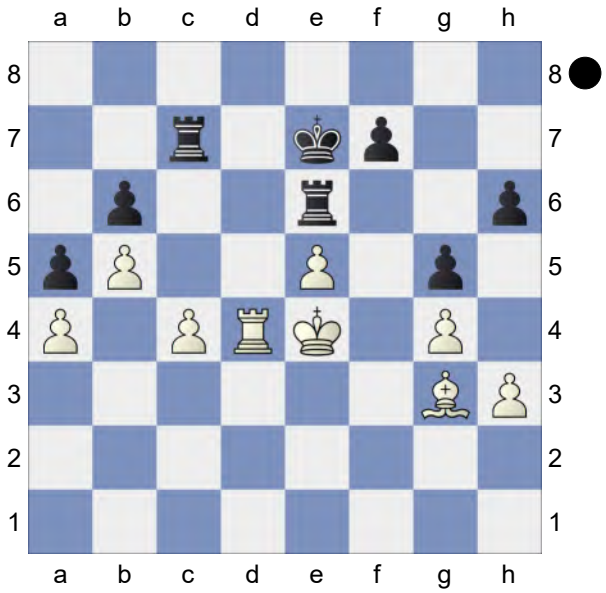
[⌓15...Re8 0.71/19]

16.Nc3 Rfe8 17.Nf5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Bf8 19.f3 Rbd8 20.Qc2 Re6 21.g4 Qb7

(Diagram)



...Nxg4 is the strong threat. **22.h3 Ne8 23.Bf2** &Bianco is much more active. **23...g6 24.Ne3 Nc7 25.Bg3** 0.37/20
[25.h4± 0.81/16]
25...Bg7
[Not 25...Rf6 26.Ned5 Re6 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Rxe5±]
26.Ned5 Nxd5 27.Nxd5 0.30/21
[27.cxd5± 0.66/22 Ree8 28.Qb3]
27...Rde8= 28.Qa2 Nf6 29.Nc3!
[29.Rxe5 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Rxe5 31.Bxe5 Nxd5 32.Bxg7 Nf4+ 33.Kg3 Qb8 34.Bxh6 Ne2+ 35.Kf2 Qg3+ 36.Ke3 Qg1+ 37.Kd2 Qf1∓]
29...Nd7 30.Qc2
[30.Qd2 is more complex. f5 31.Nd5 Kf7 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.Qc2]
30...Rd6
[30...f5 feels hotter. 31.Qc1 Kf7 32.Bh4 Nf8]
31.Re3 Rde6 32.Kh2 0.27/16
[32.Qf2± 0.59/16]
32...Kh7 0.60/17
[32...Nf8= 0.27/16]
33.Qg2 Kg8 0.69/16
[⌓33...Qc7 0.36/15]
34.Nd5 Nf6 35.Nxf6+ Bxf6 36.f4 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Rd8 1.41/22
[37...Bg7!± 0.43/20]
38.fxe5± Bg5 39.Rf3 Rd7 40.Re4 1.20/16
[40.Re2+- 1.72/18]
40...Bd2 41.d4 -0.14/18
[41.Bh4± 1.23/18]
41...cxd4= 42.Rd3! Bc3 43.Kf3 Rc7 44.Rexd4
[44.Bf2!?]
44...Bxd4 45.Rxd4 Endgame KRR-KRB **45...Kf8 46.Bh4** -0.97/20
[46.h4!∓ -0.32/17]
46...g5∓
[Of course not 46...Rxe5?! 47.Bg3 Rec5 48.Bxc7 Rxc7 49.Ke3=]
47.Bg3 -1.27/20
[⌓47.Bf2 -0.91/21]
47...Ke7 48.Ke4 -2.00/21
[48.h4∓ -1.00/20 was called for.]



48...Rc5? -0.12/21
[Black should play 48...f6!-+ -2.00/21 White must now prevent ...fxe5. 49.Kd3 fxe5]
49.Kd3!= f6 50.exf6+ -0.73/20
[50.Rd6= 0.00/23 keeps the balance.]
50...Rxf6∓

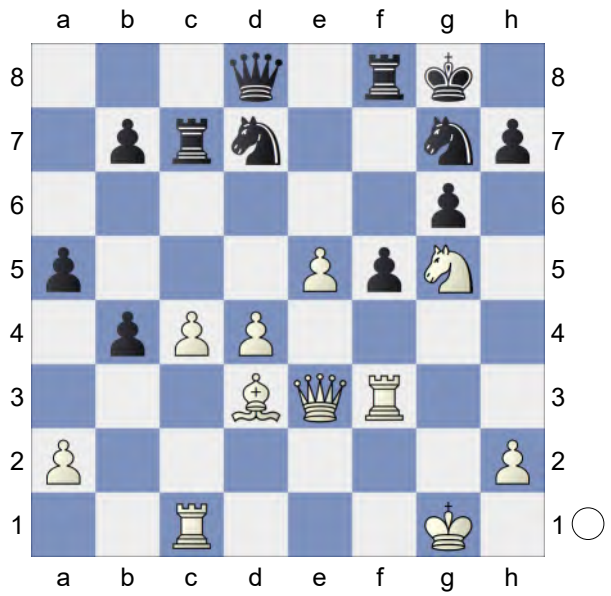
[Much weaker is 50...Kxf6 51.Rd7 Rc8 52.Bf2=]
51.Ke4 -1.75/20 Prevents Rf3.
[51.Bh2∓ -0.73/20 keeps fighting.]
51...Re6+ -1.18/17
[51...Rc8-+ -1.75/20 52.Ke3 Rf1]
52.Kd3 Rf6 -0.57/20
[52...Rc8∓ -1.44/19 Threatens to win with ...Rf8. 53.Rd5 Rf8]
53.Ke4 -1.56/19
[53.Bh2∓ -0.57/20]
53...Re6+ -1.07/19
[Black should try 53...Rc8 -1.56/19 54.Ke3 Rf1]
54.Kd3 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

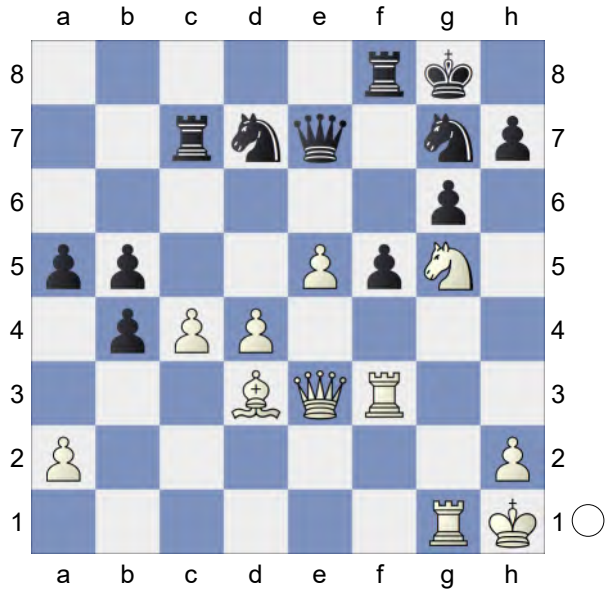
A09
□ **Indjic,A** **2601**
■ **Ter Sahakyan,S** **2609**
chess.com SpeedChess Q1Sw blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 dxe3 5.fxe3 cxb4 6.d4 g6 0.45/19
[6...Nf6= 0.14/19]
7.Bd3 -0.09/22
[7.Be2± 0.45/19]
7...Nf6 8.Bb2 -0.48/18
[8.a3= 0.19/17]
8...Bh6N Black is slightly better.
[8...Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bf6 23.Qg3 Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The R@ti [Sam Collins] ½-½ (40) Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kg4 38.Rf1 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) Kg5]
9.Qe2 0-0 10.Nbd2 -0.82/18
[10.0-0∓ -0.42/17]
10...a5 -0.41/17
[10...Ng4∓ -0.82/18]
11.e4 -1.05/17
[11.0-0∓ -0.41/17]
11...Nh5∓ 12.g3 -1.17/17 Prevents Nf4.
[⌓12.Qf2 -0.81/19]
12...Bg4 13.Qf2 -1.74/18
[13.e5∓ -1.22/17]
13...Bxf3? -0.12/18
[13...Nd7-+ -1.74/18 White must now prevent ...e5! 14.0-0 e5]
14.Nxf3= Nd7 15.e5! Nb6 0.28/22
[Black should try 15...f6 -0.28/20]
16.0-0 Rc8 17.Bc1! Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Ng5 is the strong threat. **18...e6** 0.76/17
[18...Ng7!= 0.00/17]
19.Qe3± White has strong compensation. **19...Rc7** 1.87/18
[19...Nd7± 0.79/18]
20.g4+- Ng7 21.Ng5 Nd7 1.72/19
[21...a4± 1.32/19 22.h3 a3]
22.Rf3 1.09/18
[Better is 22.Rc2+- 1.72/19]
22...f5 23.gxf5 exf5

(Diagram)

24.Kh1! And now c5 would win. &Bianco is much more active. **24...Qe7** 3.09/21
[24...h6± 1.05/16 25.Nh3 g5]
25.Rg1 b5

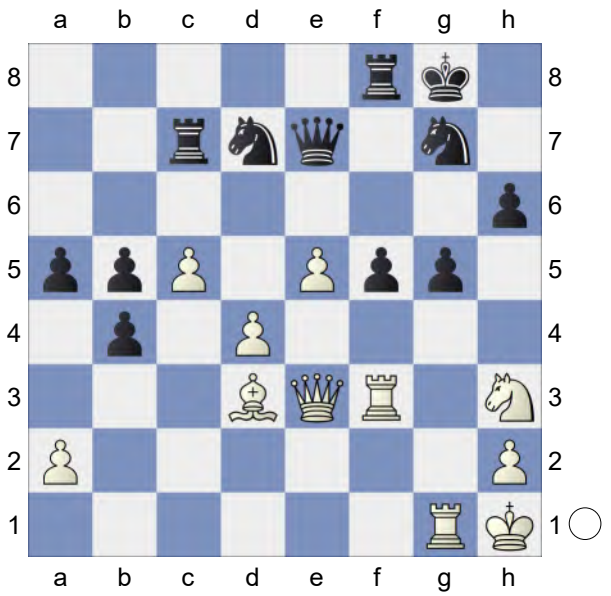




26.c5 1.08/19
[26.cxb5 Rfc8=]
[26.Nxh7!+- 3.21/19 Kxh7 27.Rh3+ *(27.Rfg3 Nxe5 28.dxe5 bxc4=)* 27...Nh5 28.Qg3]
26...h6 1.53/20
[Black should play 26...Nxc5 1.08/19 27.dxc5 Rxc5]
27.Nh3± g5

(Diagram)

28.Nxg5! hxg5



[28...Nxe5 29.dxe5]
29.Rxg5 Nxc5 30.dxc5 f4 4.01/17
[30...Qxc5± 0.93/14 is a better chance. 31.Qxc5 Rxc5]
31.Qg1+- Threatens to win with Rh3.
31...Rd8 32.c6 Rxc6 33.Be4
[Not 33.Bxb5 Rc2 34.Rg2 *(34.Bd3 Rc3±)* 34...Qb7±]
33...Rc3 5.89/17
[33...Rh6 2.58/17 34.Rxf4 Rd2]
34.Rxf4 Rdc8 35.Rfg4 7.62/19
[⌓35.Bd5+ #4/14 Qf7 36.Rxg7+ Kh8 37.Rh4+ Qh5 38.Rxh5#]
35...Rc1 36.Rxg7+ Kf8 #3/13
[36...Qxg7+- 4.90/17 37.Rxg7+ Kf8 38.Rg8+ Ke7 39.Rxc8 Rxg1+ 40.Kxg1 b3 41.axb3 Ke6 42.Re8+ Kf7]
37.Rg8+ Kf7 38.R4g7+ 13.77/5
[⌓38.Bd5+ #2/20 Qe6 39.R4g7#]
38...Ke6 White is clearly winning.
39.Rxe7+ Kxe7 40.Rxc8 Rxg1+ 41.Kxg1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=1.07
1-0

A09

□ **Pantsulaia,L** 2564

■ **Sevian,Samuel** 2690

AimChess Play-In Match rapid (1.1)

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5

[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]

4...g6N

[4...Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]

5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...a6 9.a4 b6** 0.94/17

[9...Nbd7= -0.13/17]

10.Ne5± Ra7 11.Na3 0.15/16

[11.Nc6!± 0.97/20 Nxc6 12.bxc6]

11...Ne8 1.52/19

[11...Bb7= 0.15/16 remains equal.]

12.Nc6!↑ Black is under strong pressure.

12...Nxc6 13.bxc6 Nd6 1.85/19

[13...Be5± 1.44/20 14.a5 bxa5]

14.Rb1+- Bf5 2.09/19

[⌓14...a5 1.72/18 15.Qb3 Ra6]

15.Qb3 Nc8 16.a5! bxa5 17.Bd2 1.27/17

[White should play 17.Nc2+- 1.80/17]

17...Be5 2.26/19

[17...e5± 1.27/17]

18.Qa4 Bc7 19.Rb7 0.54/17

[19.Nc2!± 1.38/16]

19...Ra8 1.61/20

[19...Nb6!± 0.54/17 20.Qc2 *(20.Qxa5 Rxb7 21.cxb7 Nxc4=)* 20...Rxb7 21.cxb7 Nd7]

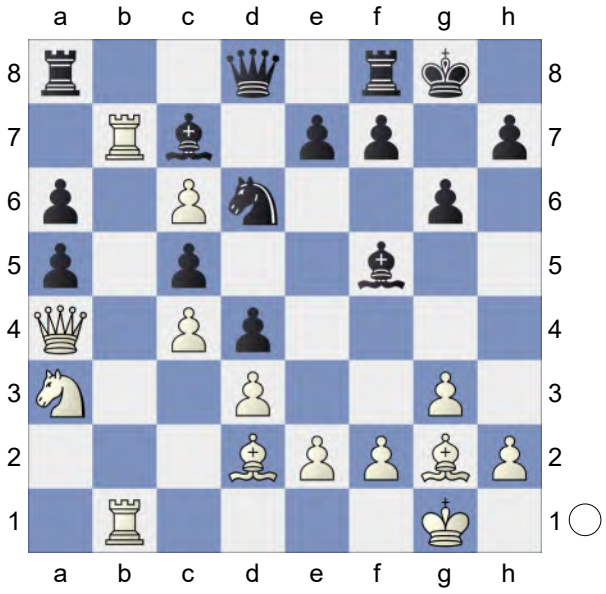
20.Rfb1 1.26/18

[20.Bh6?! Re8±]

[20.e4+- 1.61/20 Bg4 21.Bh6]

20...Nd6 2.10/19

[20...e5± 1.26/18 was worth a try.]



21.Rxc7! Qxc7 22.Bxa5 Qc8 23.c7 Bd7 24.Qb3 Bh3 25.Bxa8 1.60/15

[Better is 25.Bf3+- 2.76/20]

25...Qxa8± 26.f3 Qc8 2.12/22

[⌓26...Qc6 1.68/19 27.Nc2 Nc8]

27.Kf2+- Qe6 28.Nc2 Prevents Qe3+.

28...Qe5 29.Qb6 Bc8 2.52/19

[⌓29...Bd7 1.94/16 30.Bd2 *(30.Qxa6 Qh5±)* 30...Qh5]

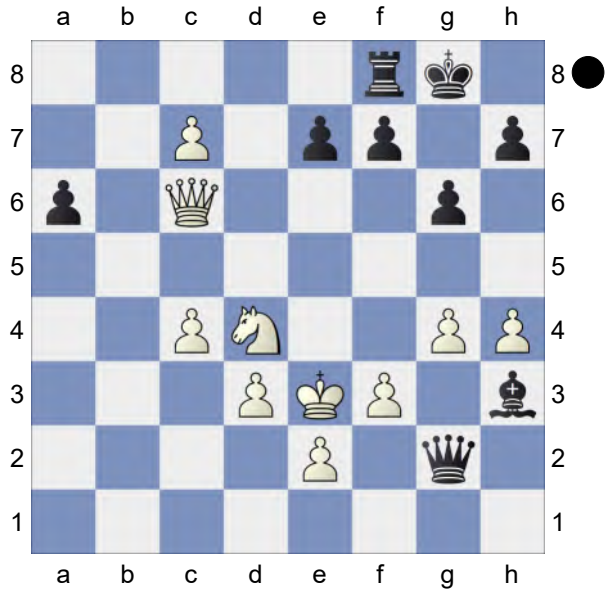
30.Qc6 Qh5 31.h4 Qf5 32.Bb6 Qh3? 3.87/22

[32...Nxc4 2.05/19 33.Nxd4 *(33.Bxc5 Ne5=; 33.Qxc5 Qh3±)* 33...Qh3 34.dxc4 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qh2+ 36.Ke3 Qxg3]

33.Rg1 Qh2+ 34.Rg2 Qh1 35.Bxc5 Nf5 36.Bxd4?? -3.15/18

[36.Nxd4+- 4.34/17 and all is fine. Ne3 37.Kxe3! Qxg2 38.Kd2]

36...Nxd4-+ Chess con chili. **37.Nxd4 Bh3 38.g4 Qxg2+ 39.Ke3**



Bxg4 -1.82/16 **40.fxg4** Endgame KQR-KQN **40...Qg3+ 41.Nf3** -2.52/22

[41.Kd2∓ -1.56/19 was called for. Rc8 42.Qxa6 Qxc7 43.g5]

41...Rc8 White must now prevent ...a5.

42.Qxa6 Qxc7 -0.84/19

[Not 42...Rxc7 43.g5∓]

[42...Qxg4-+ -2.27/21 43.Qb7 Qd7]

43.g5 Rb8 44.Qa1 Rb6 45.Kf2 Qb8 -0.11/19

[45...Qc5+!∓ -0.97/19 46.Qd4 Qxd4+ 47.Nxd4 Kf8]

46.Qd4 -0.58/19

[46.c5= -0.11/19 Re6 47.Qd4]

46...Rb1 -0.10/20

[46...Qc7∓ -0.58/19 is more appropriate.]

47.Ne5 -0.51/22

[47.c5= -0.10/20]

47...Qb4 0.00/23

[47...Qd6!∓ -0.51/22 48.Ke3 f6]

48.Qd8+= Kg7 Hoping for ...Qc5+.

49.Nf3 -0.77/23

[49.Nd7= 0.00/23 keeps the balance. Qe1+ 50.Ke3 *(50.Kf3 Qf1+ 51.Ke3 Qg1+ 52.Ke4 Qg4+ 53.Ke5 Qg3+ 54.Kd4 Qf4+ 55.e4 Qd6+ 56.Ke3 Qg3+ 57.Kd4 Qd6+ 58.Ke3 Qg3+ 59.Kd4 Qd6+=)* 50...Qg3+ 51.Kd2 *(51.Kd4 Qf4+ 52.e4 Qd6+ 53.Ke3 Qg3+ 54.Kd4 Qd6+ 55.Ke3 Qg3+ 56.Kd4 Qd6+=)* 51...Qf4+ 52.Kc3 Qc1+ 53.Kd4 Qf4+ 54.e4 Qd6+ 55.Ke3 Qg3+ 56.Kd4 Qd6+ 57.Ke3 Qg3+ 58.Kd4 Qd6+]

49...Qc5+!∓ 50.Qd4+ -1.44/17

[50.d4!∓ -0.57/19 Qd6 51.Qa5]

50...Qxd4+ 51.Nxd4 KR-KN **51...f6! 52.Nf3** -1.88/24

[52.c5∓ -1.39/21]

52...Rc1!-+ 53.Ke3 Kf7 54.Ke4 -1.85/22

[54.Kd2∓ -1.27/22 Rb1 55.Nd4]

54...Ke6 55.Nd4+ Kd6 Strongly threatening ...f5+. **56.Nf3?** -3.66/19

[56.gxf6 -1.90/19 was necessary. exf6 57.Kf4]

56...Rh1? -0.93/24

[56...f5+-+ -3.66/19 57.Kf4 Rc2]

57.Kf4? -3.75/24

[57.gxf6∓ -0.93/24 only move. exf6 58.Kd4]

57...f5 58.d4 Rc1 -1.10/21

[58...Rh3-+ -2.23/21 has better winning chances. 59.e3 e6]

59.Ne5 -2.22/25

[59.c5+∓ -1.10/21 Kd5 60.h5]

59...Rf1+! 60.Kg3 -2.36/25

[⌓60.Nf3 -1.71/21]

60...Rd1? -0.29/18

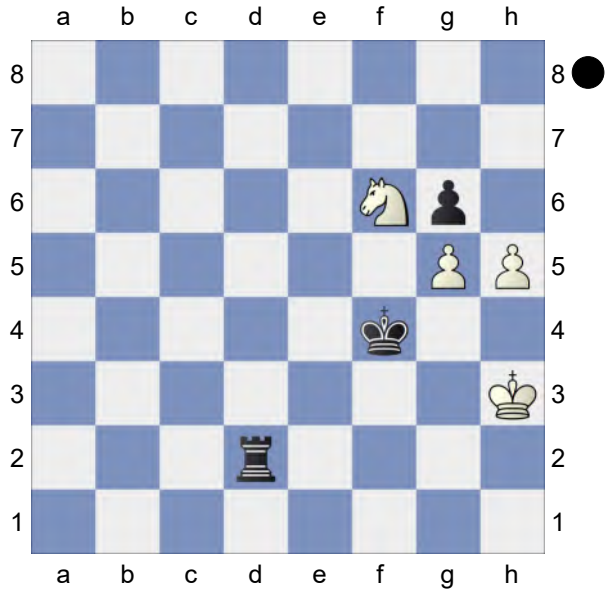
[60...f4+-+ -2.36/25 61.Kg4 Rf2 62.Nf7+ Ke6]

61.e3= Rf1 62.Nf7+ Ke6 63.Ne5? -3.96/29

[63.Nd8+!= -0.29/22 and White is okay. Kd7 64.Nf7]

63...f4+!-+ 64.exf4 Kf5 65.Nc6

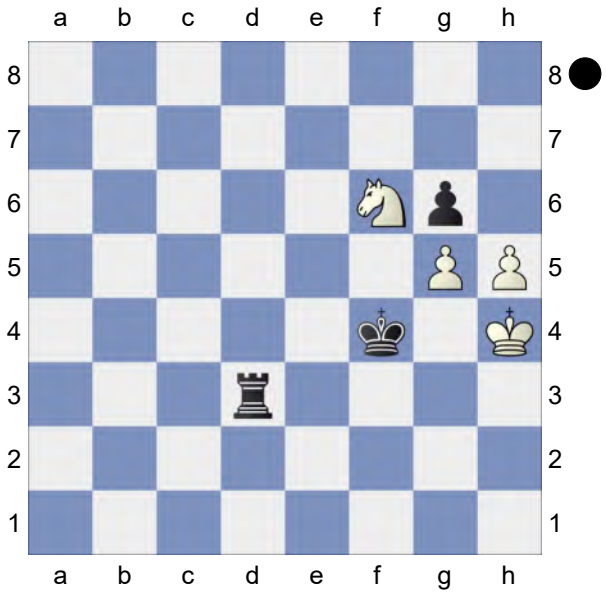
-4.81/19
[65.c5 -3.18/18 keeps fighting. Rxf4 66.Nf3 Rg4+ 67.Kh3]
65...Ke4 66.Nxe7 Rf3+! 67.Kg2 Rxf4 68.d5 Ke5 69.c5 Rc4? -0.27/22
[69...Rxh4-+ -4.68/21 70.d6 Ke6]
70.d6? -6.27/25
[70.h5= -0.27/22]
70...Ke6 71.Ng8 Rxc5 72.d7? -7.57/20
[72.Nf6 -2.01/18]
72...Kxd7 ...Rc3 is the strong threat. Black is clearly winning. **73.Nf6+ Ke6 74.Nxh7 Kf5 75.Nf6 Rc2+ 76.Kg3 Rc3+ 77.Kg2 Ra3 78.Kh2 Kf4 79.Kg2 Ra2+ 80.Kh3 Rd2 81.h5**



Rd3+! 82.Kh4

(Diagram)

Rd1! 83.Kh3 Kxg5 84.Ne4+ Kxh5 85.Nf2 Ra1 86.Kg3 Ra3+ 87.Kf4 g5+ 88.Ke4 Kh4 89.Nd3 Rxd3 -#19/23
What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.55
0-1



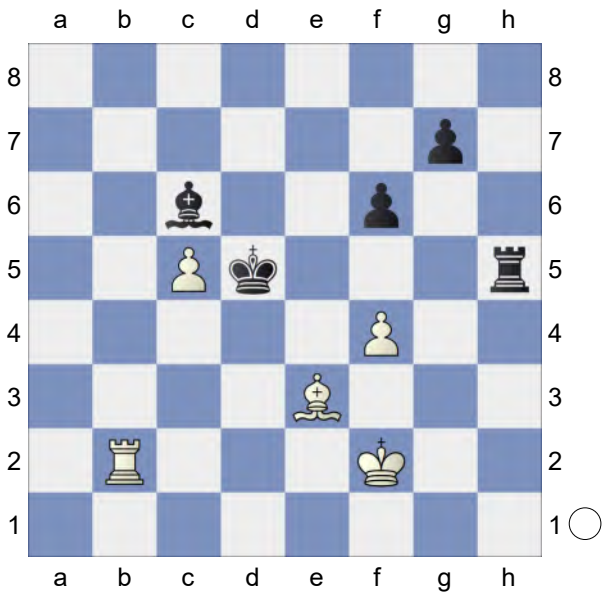
A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2691**
■ **Grigoriants,S** **2562**
Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.a3
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Qc7N
[4...f6 5.d3 e5 6.Qb3 *(6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nge7 13.e4 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qb3 a4 17.Qc4 Bd6 18.axb4 b5 19.Qa2 Qxh3 20.Na3 Rb8* A 09/04) 6...a5 7.b5 Bd6 8.g3 f5 9.Bg2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.e3 Kh8 13.Nh4 g6

14.Nd2 Kg7 15.e4 f4 16.gxf4 h6 17.fxe5 hxg5 18.exf6+ Qxf6 19.Nhf3 A 09/04]
5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Nd8 0.45/25
[8...Ne7= 0.10/24]
9.e3 Ne6 10.d3 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.exd4 exd4 13.a4 a6 14.Na3 0.37/22
[14.Bd2± 0.76/21]
14...h6± 15.Bd2 Bd6 16.bxa6 -0.82/24
[16.a5± 0.38/18]
16...Rxa6 0.27/21
[16...bxa6∓ -0.82/24 17.Ne5 *(17.Nxd4? Nxd4 18.Nc2 Bg4-+)* 17...Bb7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7]
17.Nb5= Qd8 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.a5 b6 20.Ne5 0.20/23
[20.axb6± 0.54/22 Rxb6 21.Ne5]
20...bxa5 21.Rxa5 Rxa5 22.Bxa5 Nd7 23.Nc6 Nb8 24.Qf3 Ng5 The position is equal. **25.Qd5 Qxc6 26.Qxc6 Nxc6 27.Bxc6** And now f4 would win. A strong pair of Bishops. **27...Bg4 28.f4 Nf3+ 29.Bxf3 Bxf3** Endgame KRB-KRB **30.Kf2 Bg4 31.Bb6 Rb8 32.Bxc5 Rb2+ 33.Kg1 Rd2 34.Bxd4 Rxd3 35.Bf2 Rc3 36.c5 Bf3 37.h3 Rc2 38.g4 h5 39.gxh5 Bxh5 40.Kg2 Bg6 41.Kg3 Bf5 42.h4 Rc3+ 43.Be3 f6 44.Kf3 Kf7 45.Ra1 Kg6 46.Rg1+ Kf7 47.h5 Bd7 48.Ke4 Bc6+ 49.Kd4 Ra3 50.Rb1 Ra4+ 51.Kc3 Ke6 52.Rb8 Ra3+ 53.Kd2 Ra2+ 54.Ke1 Ra8 55.Rb6 Kd5 56.Kf2 Rh8 57.Rb2 Rxh5**

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening ...Rh2+. **58.Rd2+ Kc4 59.Rd6 Kb5 60.Rd8 Rd5 61.Rg8 Rd7 62.Rb8+ Rb7 63.Rd8 Rd7 64.Rc8 Rb7 65.f5 Re7**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) . Loss on time!?
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A09
□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2540**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2716**
Titled Tue 22nd Aug Early blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2! e5 7.0-0 -0.20/18
[⌓7.e3 0.19/18]
7...cxb4=
[7...Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw, John] ½-½]
8.e3 The position is equal. **8...Bg4** 0.93/15
[8...dxe3!= -0.10/17 remains equal.

9.Bxe5 *(9.Nxe5 Bd6=)* 9...exf2+ 10.Rxf2 Qxc4]

9.exd4± e4N 1.41/19

[Better is 9...exd4 0.93/17 10.d3 *(10.Bxd4 Be7±; 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7 Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4* Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D] 1-0 *25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5* 0-1 (28) Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander] *)* 10...Nc6]

10.Qe1! Strongly threatening Ne5.

10...Be7 11.Ne5 Bf5 12.h3 0.76/18

[⌓12.f3 1.19/18]

12...0-0 1.14/20

[⌓12...Nc6 0.76/18]

13.g4 Bg6 14.g5 -0.21/18

[14.d3!± 1.02/18]

14...Nh5!= 15.Nxg6

[15.Bxe4 Bxg5 16.a3 Nd7 17.Nxg6 *(17.axb4? Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxc4-+)* 17...fxg6 18.axb4 *(18.Bd5+? Kh8-+)* 18...Nf4∓]

15...fxg6 16.Qxe4 Nc6! White must now prevent ...Rae8. **17.d5** The board is on fire. **17...Bd6** 1.17/19 **18.dxc6±** Threatens to win with c5! **18...Kh8** 2.55/18 A mistake that costs the game.

[18...Rae8± 1.12/17 19.Qd5+ Kh8]

19.cxb7+- Rae8 3.09/18

[⌓19...Rad8 1.82/16]

20.Qc6 Qe7 21.d3 Nf4 22.Nd2 Qxg5 And now ...Nxh3+ would win. **23.Kh1 Nxd3?** 6.79/16

[23...Rd8 3.50/16 24.Bd4 Ne2]

24.Ne4 Rxe4 25.Qxe4

[25.Bxe4 Qf4! 26.Qxd6 *(26.Bxg7+? Kxg7 27.Qd7+ Kh8-+)* 26...Qxd6∓]

25...Nxb2 26.f4 Qf6 27.Rab1 Na4 28.Qc6 Nc3 7.04/19

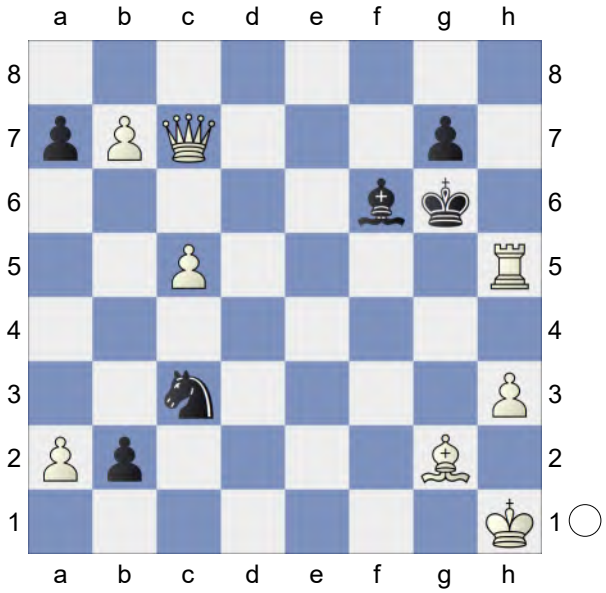
[⌓28...Nc5 4.57/15 29.Rxb4 Ne4]

29.Rbe1 h5 30.Re8 Kh7 31.Rxf8 Qxf8 32.f5 gxf5 33.c5 Be5 34.Qe6 Qb8 35.Rxf5 Bf6 36.Rxh5+ 18.74/5

[⌓36.Qf7 #5/15 Qf4 37.Rxh5+ Qh6 38.b8Q Bd8 39.Qxd8 Ne2 40.Qdg8#]

36...Kg6 37.Qg4+ Kf7 38.Bd5+ 6.44/19

[⌓38.Qd7+ 15.51/16 Kg6 39.Qf5+ Kf7 40.Qc8 b3 41.Qxb8 b2 42.Qc7+ Kg6



43.Be4+! Nxe4 44.b8Q!]

38...Nxd5 39.Qc4

[Weaker is 39.Qc8 Qf4 40.Qd7+ *(40.Rxd5 Qf1+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf1+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Qf1+=; 40.b8Q Qf3+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf3+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Qf3+=)* 40...Ne7±]

39...Qxb7 40.Qxd5+ Qxd5+ 41.Rxd5 Endgame KR-KB **41...Ke6 42.Rd6+ Ke5 43.Ra6 Kd5 44.Rxa7 Kxc5 45.Kg2 Kc4 46.Kf3 Bd4 47.Rc7+ Kd3 48.Rd7 Kc4 49.Ke4 Bc3 50.Rc7+**

Kb5 51.Kd5 Ka4 52.Kc4 Ka3 53.Ra7+ Kb2 54.Ra6 Kc2 55.h4 Kb2 56.h5 Kc2 57.Rg6 Kb2 58.Rg2+ Ka3 59.Rc2 Bf6 60.Rf2 Bc3 61.Rg2 Bf6 62.Rg3+ Bc3 63.Rxc3+ bxc3 64.Kxc3 White mates. **64...Kxa2 65.Kd4 Kb3 66.Ke5 g6 67.hxg6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.57
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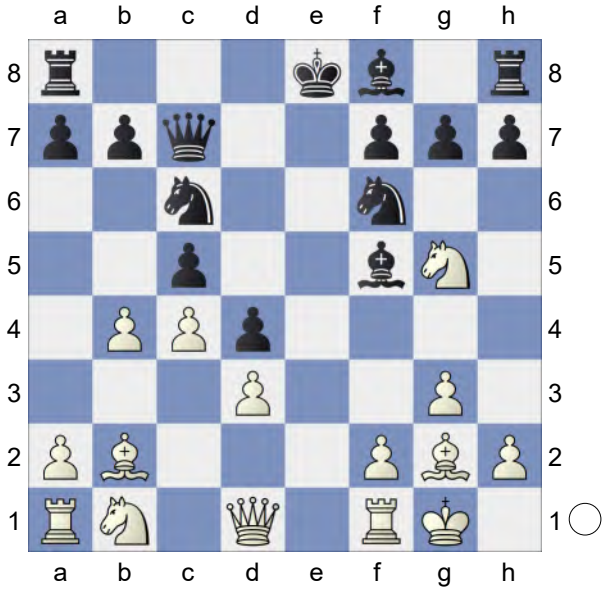
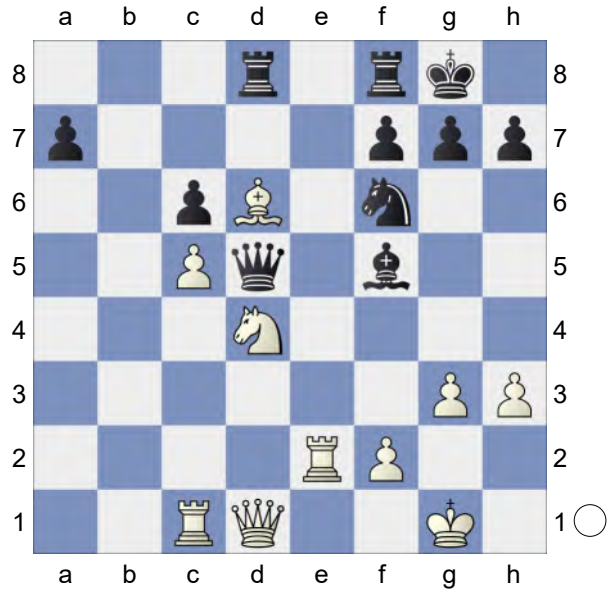
A09
□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2543**
■ **Robson,R** **2699**
AI Cup Play-In 2023 rapid (9) 18.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Nf6 4.Bb2 c5 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 e4N 0.62/20
[7...Nc6= -0.18/21 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 h5 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
[7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1 Rad8 23.Nxb7 Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5 1-0 (28) Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/ Primel,D]]
8.Ng5± White is slightly better. **8...Bf5** 0.97/19
[8...Nc6± 0.58/20]
9.d3!± exd3 10.exd3 Hoping for Qf3. **10...Nc6**



11.Re1+ 0.34/19
[11.bxc5!± 0.99/21 0-0-0 12.Bc1 *(12.Qf3 Bg6=)*]
11...Be7± 12.bxc5 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Bxd4 Rad8 15.Be5 -0.19/19
[⌓15.Nf3! 0.24/22]
15...Qd7 16.Nc3 Ng4 17.Nf3 next d4 is good for White. **17...Qxd3** 0.58/21
[17...Bxc5= 0.10/20 18.d4 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Be7]
18.Bd6! Qxc4 2.10/21
[18...Bxd6± 0.51/21 19.Qxd3 Bxd3 20.cxd6 Bxc4]
19.Rxe7+- Threatens to win with Qd4.
19...Qxc3 20.Rc1 1.19/20
[20.h3+- 1.90/19]
20...Qa3? 2.81/19
[20...Qf6± 1.19/20 was worth a try.]
21.Nd4 Qxa2 22.Re2 Qd5 23.h3 1.27/18
[23.Nxf5+- 2.14/20 Qxf5 24.Qe1

(24.h3 Nf6=)]
23...Nf6±



24.Re5 0.51/17
[24.g4!± 1.32/22 Be4 25.Bxf8 Rxf8 26.Qd2]
24...Rxd6± 25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.Qa4 Bd7 27.Nxc6 -0.05/21
[Better is 27.Ne2± 0.64/19]
27...Re8= aiming for ...Kf8.
[27...Rc8!? 28.Ne7+ Kf8±]
28.Rb1? -3.22/19
[28.Qb5= -0.03/21 Rc8 29.Ne7+ Kf8 30.Qe2]
28...Re6? -0.01/19
[28...Rxc5-+ -3.22/19 29.Ne7+ Rxe7 30.Qxa7 Rc8]
29.Rb8+ Ne8 White must now prevent ... Kf8. **30.Qxa7?** -5.56/18 **Bxc6 31.Rb1** Prevents Rd1+. **31...h6 32.g4 Rd3 33.Kh2 Nf6 34.Qb8+?** -5.40/20
[34.Rb6 -2.61/18 was forced. Bd5 35.Rxe6 fxe6 36.Qb8+ Kf7 37.c6 Bxc6 38.Qc7+ Bd7 39.Kg2]
34...Kh7-+ Black is clearly winning. **35.Qf4** Strongly threatening Qf5+. **35...Rf3 36.Qd4 Ne4** And now ...Ng5 would win. **37.Rb2 Ng5** Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.52
0-1

A09
□ **Jones,G** **2626**
■ **Brkic,A** **2602**
Bundesliga 2022-23 (12.8) 01.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 cxb4
[7...Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw, John] ½-½]
8.e3 Nc6N 0.46/16
[8...dxe3!= 0.09/19 9.Bxe5 *(9.Nxe5 Bd6=)* 9...exf2+ 10.Rxf2 Qxc4]
[8...Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7 Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/ Primel,D] 1-0 Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4 h6 28.a5 0-1 (28) Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander]]
9.exd4± exd4 10.a3! Be7 11.axb4 Nxb4 12.Qb3 d3 13.Na3 Black must now prevent Nb5. **13...0-0 14.Nb5 Qd8 15.Rxa7 Rxa7 16.Nxa7 Be6 17.Nd4 Bc5 18.Nab5 Qd7 19.Nxe6**

[19.Ba3 with more complications. Bxd4 20.Qxb4 Rc8 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxb7 Rxc4 23.Bb2]

19...fxe6 0.81/21

[19...Qxe6± 0.48/19 feels stronger. 20.Ba3 *(20.Bxb7 Rb8=)* 20...Qe7]

20.Nc3 Nc6 21.Na4 Bd4 22.c5 Threatens to win with Bxc6. **22...Kh8** 0.88/20

[22...Rd8± 0.55/19]

23.Nb6 Qd8 0.96/22

[23...Qc7± 0.59/20]

24.Bxd4 0.58/18

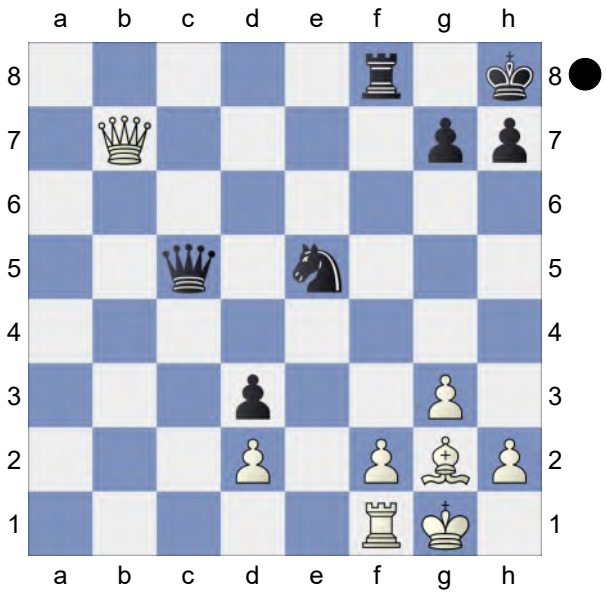
[24.Na4± 0.96/22]

24...Qxd4 25.Qxe6 0.06/18

[White should try 25.Qc4!± 0.62/19]

25...Qxc5= The position is equal.

26.Nd7 Nxd7 27.Qxd7 Ne5 28.Qxb7



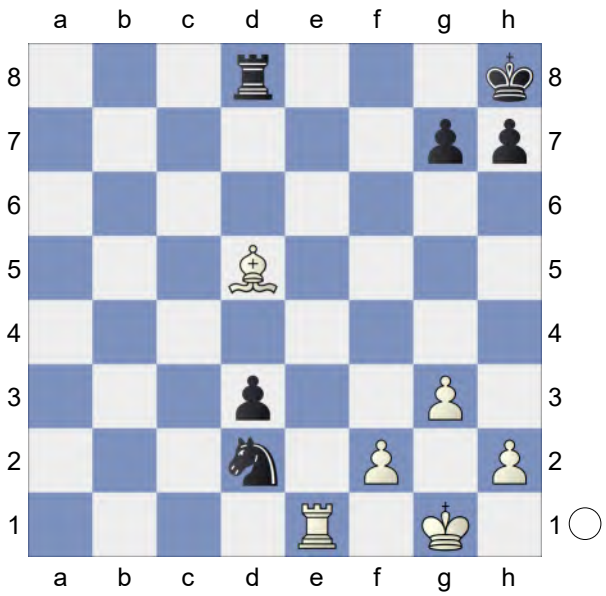
Strongly threatening Qe4. **28...Nc4 29.Qd5 Qxd5 30.Bxd5 Nxd2** Endgame KRB-KRN **31.Re1 Rd8**

(Diagram)

32.Re3! Nc4

[32...h5 33.Rxd3]

33.Bxc4 KRB-KR **33...d2 34.Bb3** aiming for Bd1. **34...d1Q+ 35.Bxd1**



Rxd1+ KR-KR **36.Kg2 Kg8 37.g4 Kf7 38.Rf3+ Kg6 39.Rf5 Rd4 40.Kg3 h6 41.h4 Kh7 42.Rf8 g5 43.Rf5 Kg6 44.Ra5 Rd3+ 45.f3 gxh4+ 46.Kf2 Rd2+ 47.Ke3 Rb2 48.Rf5 Rb3+ 49.Kf2 Rb2+ 50.Kg1 h3 51.Rh5 Rg2+ 52.Kf1 Rh2 53.Ke1 Kg7 54.Kf1 Kg6 55.Ke1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

A09

□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2560**

■ **Ibarra Jerez,J C** **2559**

Titled 3th Aug Late (4) 13.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N

[4.Qa4+ c6

A) 5.h3 a5 *(5...Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 Nd7 8.g4 a5 9.b5 Nb6 10.Qb3 cxb5 11.Qxb5+ Bd7 12.Qb3 Ba4 13.Qa3* Advance Reti Sidelines-Advance Reti: 3...g5 #8 The Roaring Reti: a Complete 1.

Nf3 Rep 2023*)* 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 b6 8.g3 Bb7 9.c5 Nd7 10.cxb6 axb4 11.Qxb4 c5 12.Qb3 Qxb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.Rb1 Ra6 15.a4 Advance Reti Sidelines-Advance Reti: 3...g5 #2 The Roaring Reti: a Complete 1. Nf3 Rep 2023;

B) 5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Wolf,L (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]

[4.h3 h6 5.Bb2 *(5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7* Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) *)* 5...Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]

[4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 Bocharov,D (2592)-Smirnov,P (2637) Khanty Mansiysk 2005 CBM 111 [Golod,V] 1-0 (38) 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2 0-0-0 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 Nd7 23.Nb3 c5 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 26.Kg1 Re3 27.a4 Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 Be4 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3 Bocharov,D (2583)-Pridorozhni,A (2571) Taganrog 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (38)]

4...g4 5.Nh4 e5 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 -0.79/20

[7.Qa4+= 0.23/21 keeps the balance. Qd7 8.Qb3]

[7.d3= 0.12/20]

7...Bxh4∓ 8.gxh4 Black is better. Black is slightly better. **8...Qxh4** -0.30/20

[Black should play 8...Ne7!∓ -0.90/22]

9.Qa4+ -1.06/20

[9.Qe1!= -0.30/20]

9...Nd7! 10.Qa5 c6 -0.68/21

[10...f5!∓ -1.15/23 11.d3 *(11.Qxc7 f4∓)* 11...Ngf6]

11.e3 -1.06/21

[11.d3∓ -0.68/21]

11...d3 -0.44/25

[Black should try 11...Ne7!∓ -1.06/21 White must now prevent ...Rg8. 12.b5 *(12.exd4 Rg8)* 12...Rg8 13.exd4 Rg5]

12.Bb2 -0.54/19

[Better is 12.Qc7= 0.00/19]

12...Qe7 0.62/20

[12...b6 13.Qa3 Ne7 14.b5±]

[Better is 12...Ne7!∓ -0.59/21 13.Qc7 *(13.Bxe5? b6-+)* 13...a6]

13.Nc3? -0.96/21

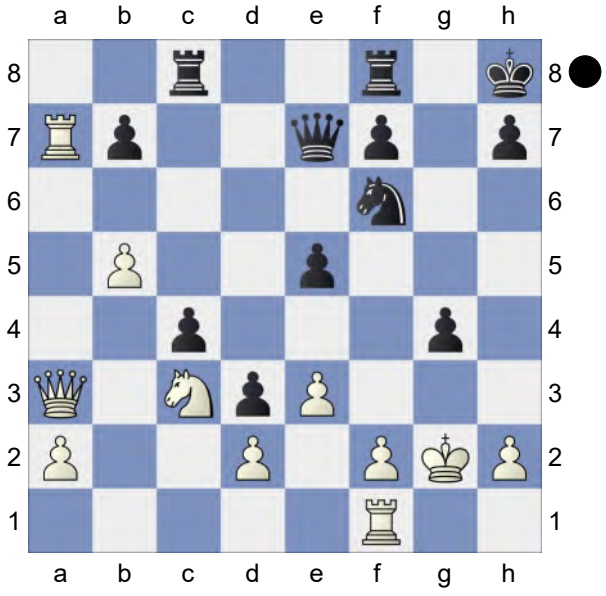
[13.c5± 0.62/20 keeps the upper hand.]

13...Nb6!∓ 14.Bc1 -2.17/23

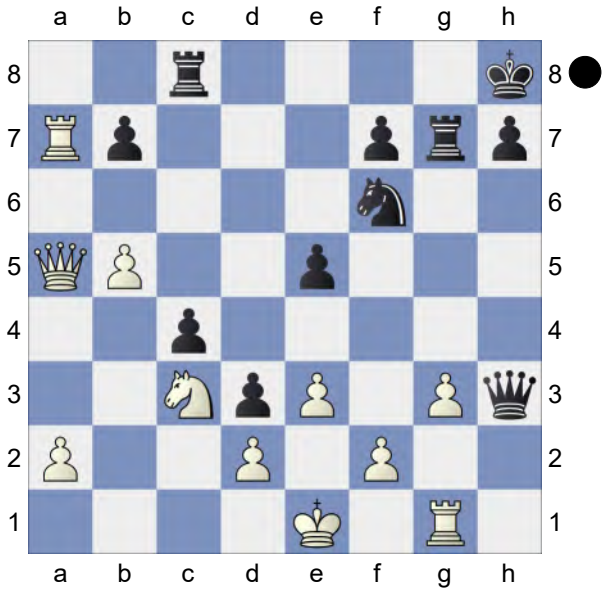
[14.b5∓ -0.93/23 might work better. Nxc4 15.Qa4 Nxb2 16.Qb3]

[14.Rab1∓ -0.85/20]

14...Nxc4-+ 15.Qa4 Nb6 16.Qa5 Nf6 -1.10/19
[16...f5-+ -1.78/21 Hoping for ...Nf6. ...e4 is the strong threat. 17.b5 c5]
17.b5∓ c5 aiming for ...Bf5. **18.Ba3?** -3.53/22
[18.Na4∓ -0.95/17 was the only chance. Nc4 *(18...Nfd7 19.Nxb6 Nxb6 20.Qc3)* 19.Qc3]
18...Nc4-+ 19.Qa4 Nb6 20.Qd1 Be6 21.Na4 -2.21/20
[⩲21.f4 -1.81/22 gxf3 22.Qxf3]
21...Rc8! ...Nc4 is the strong threat.
22.Rc1 Nc4
[Worse is 22...Bxa2 23.Bxc5 Qe6 24.Nxb6 *(24.Bxb7 Bb3=)* 24...axb6 25.Ba3=]
23.Rc3 -3.20/21
[⩲23.Rxc4∓ -1.18/19 only move. Bxc4 24.b6]
23...Nxa3 24.Rxa3 c4 25.Qc1 Bd5 26.Nc3 -2.98/19
[26.Bxd5 -1.94/20 is a better defense. Nxd5 27.Rxd3]
26...Bxg2 27.Kxg2 0-0 28.Rxa7 Kh8 Threatens to win with ...Qd7. **29.Qa3**



Qd7 Hoping for ...h5. **30.Rg1?** -4.57/21
[30.Qa5∓ -1.59/20 is a better defense.]
[30.Kg1∓ -1.56/17 was worth a try.]
30...Rg8 White must now prevent ...Qf5.
[D o n ' t b l u n d e r N o t 30...Qf5? 31.Qe7-+]
31.Kf1? -5.97/19
[31.Rf1 -3.49/16 Nd5 32.Kg1]
31...Rg7? -2.21/21
[⩲31...Nd5 -4.33/20 32.Ra4 Nxc3 33.Qxc3 Qd5]
[31...g3 -5.97/19 32.hxg3 Qh3+ 33.Ke1 Rxg3!]
32.Qa5? -9.07/22
[32.Ra8 -2.21/21 Rgg8 33.Rxc8 Rxc8 34.e4]
32...Qf5? -1.39/21
[32...g3-+ -9.07/22 is more deadly. (-> ...Qh3+) 33.hxg3 Qh3+ 34.Ke1



Rxg3!!]
33.Rxb7? -5.30/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[33.Ra8∓ -1.39/21 nothing else works.]
33...g3 34.Rxg3 -#6/15
[34.hxg3-+ -4.56/21 Qf3 35.Qb6 *(35.Rc7? Rcg8-+)*]
34...Rxg3 Black mates. **35.hxg3 Ng4** -22.24/20

[⌓35...Qh3+ -#5/26 36.Kg1 Ng4 37.Qd8+ Rxd8 38.Rxf7 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 Qh1#]
36.Nd1 Qf3 -6.15/19
Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/ Black=0.68
Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.60
[⌓36...Qh5 -#5/16 37.Qd8+ Rxd8 38.Kg2 e4 39.Kg1 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh1#]
0-1

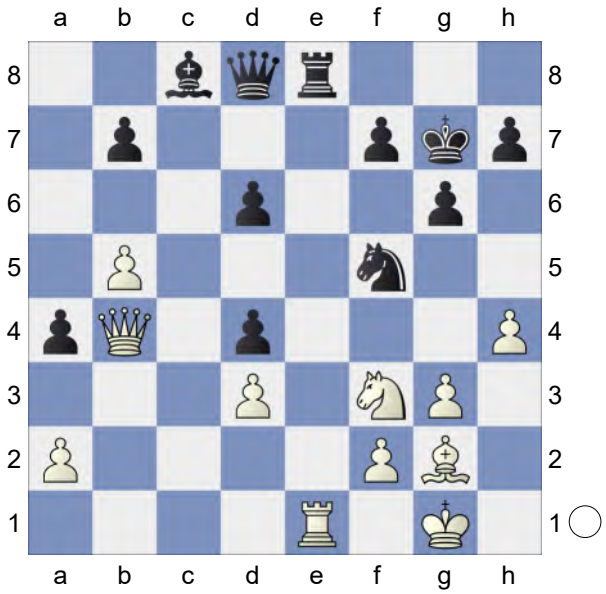
A09
□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2550**
■ **Moiseenko,A1** **2562**
Titled Tue 3rd Sep Early (4) 03.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

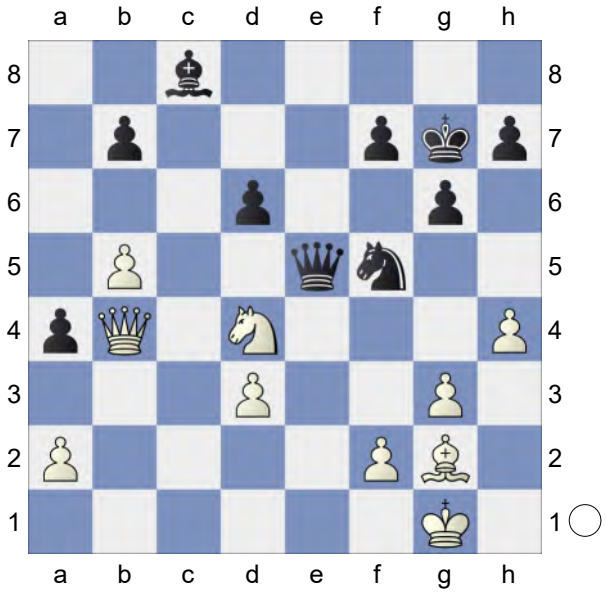
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 a5 4.b5 c5 5.g3N
[5.e3 f6 *(5...g6 6.exd4 cxd4 7.d3 Bg7 8.g3 Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5 10.Ba3 Qb6 11.0-0 Bf5 12.Nh4 Bc8 13.Qe2 Bf6 14.Nd2 Bxh4 15.gxh4 Ne6 16.Qe5 f6 17.Qg3 Nh6 18.Be4 Nf5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Qf3* Zawisz,K-Kaltenmark_J/Markowitsch_MD Saint Petersburg 97/297 1924 200 Traps In The Opening [Mercadal. APA 165] 1-0 (32) *)* 6.exd4 cxd4 7.Nh4 Nh6 8.d3 Nf7 9.g3 Nd7 10.Bg2 Nc5 11.0-0 g5 12.Nf3 Bf5 13.Ne1 Qd7 14.Ba3 e6 15.Bxc5 Bxc5 16.Nd2 a4 17.Ne4 Be7 18.c5 Bxe4 19.dxe4 Bxc5 Erdogdu,M (2423)-Donchenko,A (2216) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase II] ½-½ 20.Nd3 Bd6 21.f4 gxf4 22.gxf4 h5 23.Kh1 Be7 24.Rc1 Ba3 25.Rc4 ½-½ (25) Grigoryan,A (2608)-Javakhishvili,L (2437) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [ChessBase II]]
5...g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.0-0 Ra7 8.b6 -0.23/20
[8.Bb2± 0.44/19]
8...Qxb6 9.Na3 Nc6 10.Rb1 Qd8 11.e3 Nh6 0.25/23
[11...Nf6 -0.16/19 feels stronger.]
12.exd4= cxd4 13.d3 0-0 14.Nb5↑ White has compensation. White is more active. **14...Ra6 15.Re1 Nf5 16.Bf4 a4** 0.75/17
[16...e5= 0.30/17 should be considered. 17.Bxe5 *(17.Nxe5 g5=)* 17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Re6]
17.Qd2 Nd6 18.Nxd6 exd6 19.Rb5 Ra5 20.h4 0.43/16 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
[20.Bg5± 0.80/20 Qc7 21.Nxd4! Bxd4 22.Bxc6]
20...Rxb5± 21.cxb5 Ne7 22.Bh6 0.31/19
[⌓22.Ng5 0.62/19]
22...Nf5 1.09/19
[22...Bxh6± 0.31/19 23.Qxh6 Nf5]
23.Bxg7 Kxg7 1.18/18
[⌓23...Nxg7 0.81/21 24.Nxd4 Qb6]
24.Qb4± Re8

(Diagram)

25.Rxe8 0.82/16
[25.Qxa4?! Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1 Qc7=]
[Better is 25.Re4! 1.30/20]
25...Qxe8 26.Nxd4
[26.Qxa4 Bd7=]
26...Qe5 1.86/18
[26...Nxd4± 0.72/18 27.Qxd4+ Qe5 28.Qxa4 Qe1+ 29.Kh2 Qxf2]

(Diagram)





27.Nxf5+!+- Bxf5? 3.78/20
[27...gxf5 2.01/19 28.b6 *(28.Qxa4 Qe1+ 29.Bf1 f4±; 28.d4 Qe6±)* 28...f4]
28.Bxb7 Qa1+ 29.Kh2 Qxa2 30.Qd4+ Kg8 31.Bd5 Qb1 32.Qf6 Be6 33.Bxe6 fxe6 34.Qxe6+ Endgame KQ-KQ **34...Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kg8 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.b6 a3 38.Qe7+ Kg8 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qd7+ Kh6 41.Qe7** White threatens Qf8+ and mate. **41...a2 42.Qf8+**
[And not 42.b7 a1Q 43.Qf8+ Kh5 44.Qf3+ Kh6 45.Qf8+ Kh5 46.Qf3+ Kh6 47.Qf8+=]
42...Kh5 43.Qf3+ Kh6 44.Qf8+ Kh5 45.Qf6 Qb5 Inhibits Qg5+. **46.Qf3+?** 3.03/5
[46.Qg7 8.71/19 Threatening mate with f3. a1Q 47.Qxa1 Qxb6 48.Kh3]
46...Kh6 47.Qf8+ Kh5 48.Qf7?? -3.85/21
[48.Qg7+- 6.61/18 Intending f3 and mate. a1Q 49.Qxa1 Qxb6 50.Kh3]
48...Qf5 11.76/16
[48...a1Q-+ -3.85/21 49.b7 Qd4]
49.Qxa2 And now b7 would win. White is clearly winning. **49...Qb5 50.Qe2+ Kh6 51.Qe3+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kg8 53.Qxd6 Qb2 54.Kg2 h5 55.Qd8+ Kh7 56.Qc7+ Kh6 57.b7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.34
1-0

A09
□ **Ding,Liren** **2791**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
Carlsen Tour Final rapid (1.33) 11.08.20
[Edouard,Romain]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Roiz,M: 'GM Ding Liren decides to test his great opponent in the Sicilian, even though this isn't a part of his main opening repertoire.' **2...d4 3.b4 f6 4.Na3 e5 5.Nc2 a5 6.b5 Nh6** 0.22/20 Roiz,M: 'This time Magnus chooses a Scheveningen pawn structure.'
[⌓6...Ne7 -0.12/18]
7.d3= Nf7 8.g3!? Roiz,M: 'Curiously, this natural move is new for our PGN Archive. However, later the game comes back to known paths!'. White is

slightly better.A new trend installed by Magnus Carlsen himself in similar positions. **8...Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5! 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ba3 0-0** Roiz,M: 'So, we are back on the main territory of the English Attack!' **12.Nd2N** 0.21/18

[12.e3± 0.73/20 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Ne6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd5 Qc5 16.Nd2 Rd8 17.Ne4 Qf8 18.Qh5 c6 19.Ndxf6+ gxf6 20.Nxf6+ Kg7 21.Nxh7 Qd6 22.Be4 Nc5 23.Ng5 Nh6 24.Ne6+ Bxe6 25.Qg6+ Kf8 26.Qxh6+ Ke8 27.Rfe1 Cornette,M (2548)-Nieto,E (2246) Belgium 2015 CBM 173 [Breutigam,Martin] ½-½ (41)]

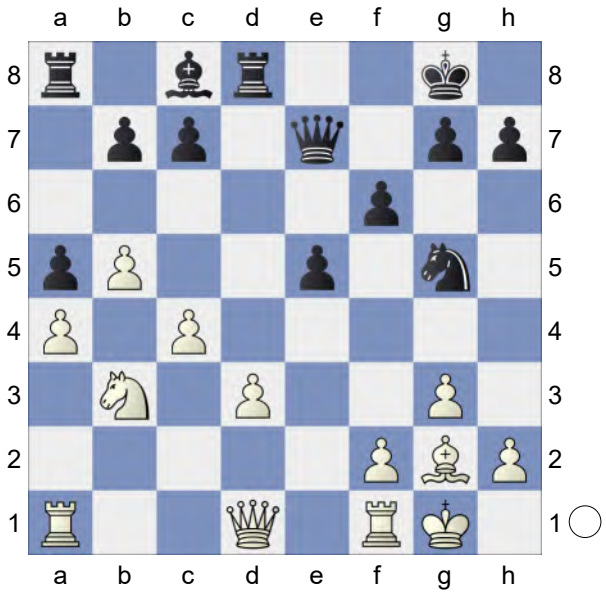
12...Ne6 Roiz,M: 'This standard break comes in time.' **13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.e3 Rd8** We reached a critical position. **15.exd4!** Roiz,M: 'GM Ding Liren unpins the f-pawn in order to push it soon.' **15...Nxd4** Roiz,M: 'A novelty. This is the most ambitious choice - the World champion isn't worried about White's expansion on the k-side.' **16.Nxd4 Rxd4** Roiz,M: 'The knight is heading to e4.' **17.Nb3?!** Roiz,M: 'White has completed the attacking setup. At the moment, the opposition of Rd1 and Qd8 is annoying for Magnus.'Roiz,M: 'This natural move is actually inaccurate.' **17...Rd8** Roiz,M: '?!' **18.a4!** This move seems to prevent ... ♘e4, but Magnus played it anyway, and Ding didn't seem to be willing to punish it! **18...Ng5?** 0.97/17

[18...Qb4!= 0.26/17 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

19.d4? 0.60/17

[White should try 19.h4!± 0.97/17 Nf7 20.Re1]



19...Bh3?! 1.30/20 Roiz,M: 'In turn Magnus chooses the wrong square for the queen's retreat.'These positions are strategically excellent for Black, but as long as queens remain alive; where to put the black king is a bit of a problem, and it is difficult to play accurate moves.

[19...Qb4± 0.60/17]

20.Bxb7?± Roiz,M: 'However, this careless move fully justifies Black's decision on the previous move.' Inviting Black to a party Carlsen isn't going to decline! **20...Bxf1!** Roiz,M: 'Now Black is the first to start his attack.' **21.Qxf1** And now h4 would win. **21...Rab8** 1.64/20 Roiz,M: '!' Roiz,M: 'There is no way back!'

[21...e4± 1.21/19 keeps fighting.]

22.Nxa5 0.33/20

[22.Bg2+- 1.64/20]

22...exd4! 4.40/18

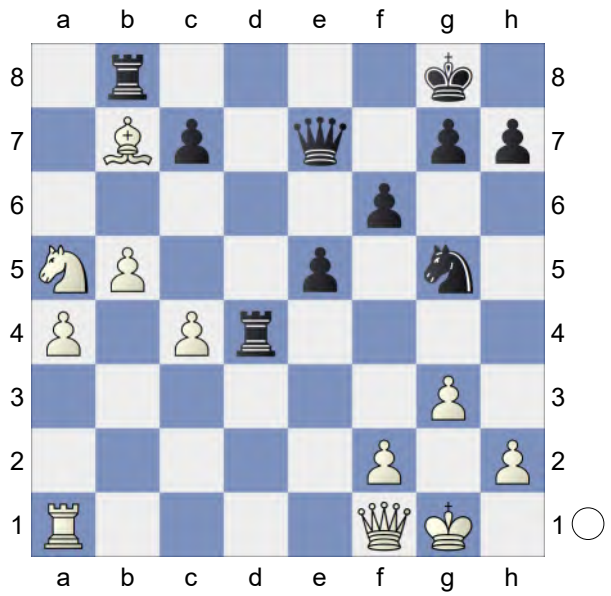
[22...Rxb7! 23.Nxb7 Rxd4]

[22...Rxd4?

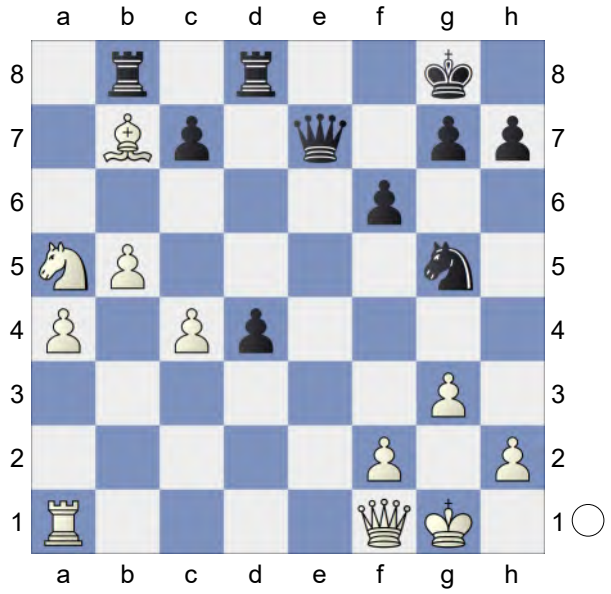
(Diagram)

23.Nc6! Nf3+ 24.Kg2+-]

[Black should play 22...Rxb7!± 0.33/20



23.Nxb7 Rxd4]



Loses the game. **23.Nc6!+-** Deflection, Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **23...Qe4** Roiz,M: '!'. White must now prevent ...Nf3+.

[23...Nf3+ 24.Kh1 Qe4 25.Nxd8 Rxb7 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27.a5 Nd2+ 28.Qg2 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2]

[23...Qe6 24.Nxb8]

24.Nxd8 Discovered Attack **24...Nf3+!** Roiz,M: 'Now Black's king is out of danger!' **25.Kh1**

[25.Kg2 Rxb7 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 Roiz,M: 'the result of the game wouldn't be predictable, though Black still has a dangerous attack.' *(26...Nd2+ 27.f3)* 27.Qe2 Nh4+☐ White would have some chances left. 28.Kh3!? Qc8+ 29.Kxh4! -#2/13 *(29.g4 g5; 29.g4+-* 6.54/19) 29...g5+! 30.Kh5 Qh3#]

25...Rxb7 Funy to see all these black pieces hang, but Black is just better! **26.Nxb7 Qxb7! 27.a5 Ne1+?!** Roiz,M: '?' Roiz,M: 'This impulsive move could have spoiled a lot.' **28.f3! Nxf3 29.a6?** Roiz,M: 'Alas, Ding Liren doesn't withstand the pressure.' **29...Qe4** Roiz,M: 'After'After **30.Qg2☐** Roiz,M: '!'.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.47. Loss on time!?

0-1

A09

☐ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2586**

■ **Prohaszka,P2** **2579**

Titled Tue 5th Dec Early blitz (7) 5.12.23

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3N

[4.Qa4+ c6

A) 5.h3 a5 *(5...Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 Nd7 8.g4 a5 9.b5 Nb6 10.Qb3 cxb5 11.Qxb5+ Bd7 12.Qb3 Ba4 13.Qa3* Advance Reti Sidelines-Advance Reti: 3...g5 #8 The Roaring Reti: a Complete 1. Nf3 Rep 2023*)* 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 b6 8.g3 Bb7 9.c5 Nd7 10.cxb6 axb4 11.Qxb4 c5 12.Qb3 Qxb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.Rb1 Ra6 15.a4 Advance Reti Sidelines-Advance

Reti: 3...g5 #2 The Roaring Reti: a Complete 1. Nf3 Rep 2023;
B) 5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Wolf,L (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]
[4.h3 h6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]

4...g4N
[4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 h6 *(5...e5 6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5* Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39) *Nh5 21.Rc1 Rhf8 22.Rc4 Be5 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1 Nf4 25.Rh1 Nxh3 26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2 Re1 28.Rf3 Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+ 31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ 34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]

5.Nxd4 Bg7
[5...Qxd4? 6.Bb2 Qd8 7.Bxh8+-]

6.e3
[Don't go for 6.Qa4+? Bd7 7.Qc2 Bxd4-+]

6...e5 1.50/22
[⌓6...a5± 1.12/23]

7.Nc2 Ne7 8.Bb2 White is better. White is clearly better. **8...a5 9.a3** 0.82/22
[⌓9.b5! 1.31/19]

9...Bf5 10.Nc3 h5 1.38/18
[⌓10...axb4 0.97/19 11.axb4 Rxa1+ 12.Bxa1 0-0]

11.Be2 1.02/18
[⌓11.0-0-0 1.38/18]

11...h4 1.55/19
[⌓11...0-0 1.04/23]
[11...axb4± 1.02/18 12.axb4 Rxa1+ 13.Nxa1 0-0]

12.e4 1.08/22
[White should play 12.0-0-0+- 1.55/19]

12...Be6 1.51/19
[⌓12...a4 1.05/18 13.Qa2 Bd7]

13.Nd5± Nbc6 1.70/18
[13...0-0± 1.38/22 14.Rd1 axb4]
[13...Ng6± 1.15/17]

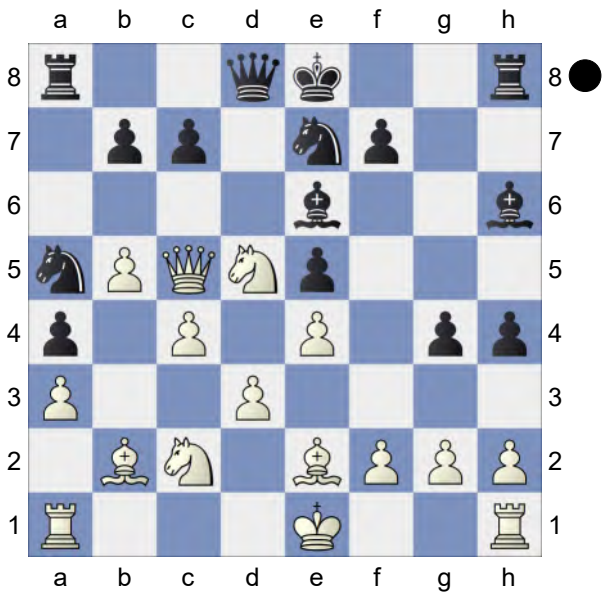
14.b5 0.89/23
[White should try Better is 14.f4+- 1.70/18]

14...a4 1.31/21 **15.Qe3!±** White is in control. **15...Na5 16.d3?** -0.45/19 &Bianco is more active.
[16.b6± 1.34/22 Strongly threatening Qg5. cxb6 17.Qxb6]

16...Bh6!∓ Prevents Qg5. **17.Qc5** -4.10/20
[17.f4!∓ -0.40/20 Nxd5 18.cxd5 *(18.exd5 Bxf4 19.Qf2 Bd7=)* 18...Bxf4 19.Qf2 Bc8=]

(Diagram)

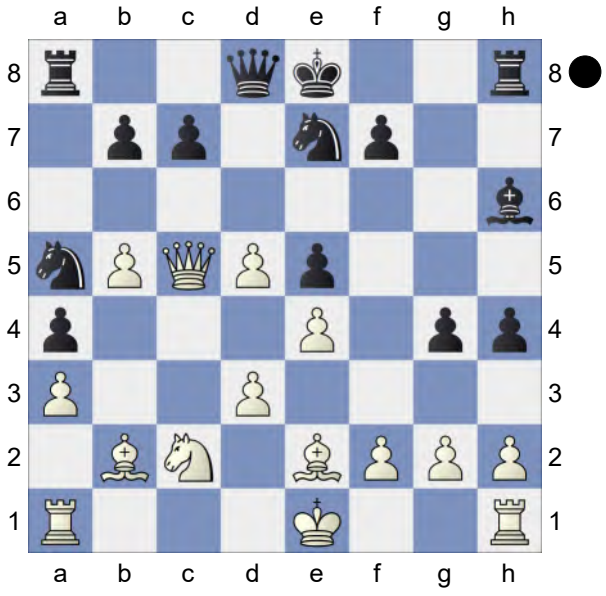
17...Bxd5 -2.36/20



[⌓17...Bd2+! -4.10/20 18.Kd1 Nxd5 19.exd5 Nb3! 20.dxe6 Nxc5 21.exf7+ Kxf7 22.Kxd2 Nb3+ 23.Ke1 Nxa1 24.Bxa1 c6]

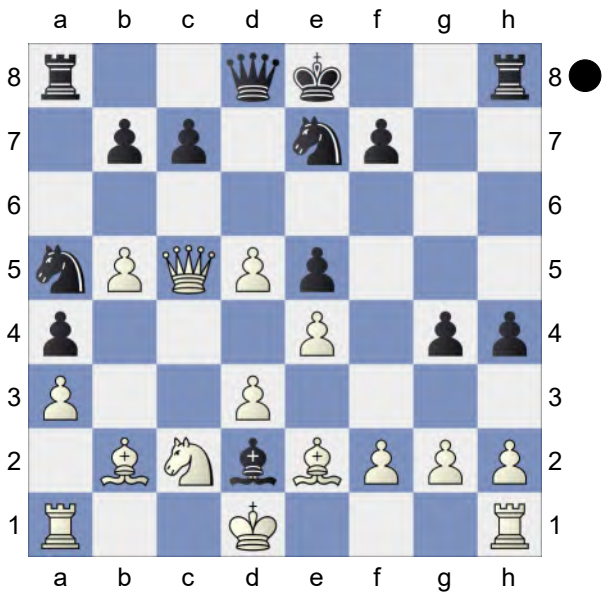
18.cxd5 -3.52/22

[18.Bxe5 -2.36/20 keeps fighting. was called for. Nb3 19.Qxc7 Qxc7 20.Bxc7 Nxa1 21.Nxa1]



18...Nb3? -0.28/20

[18...Bd2+!-+ -3.52/22 19.Kd1 *(19.Kf1 b6 20.Bxe5 bxc5 21.Bxh8 Nb3)*



19...b6! 20.Qxe7+ Qxe7 21.Kxd2 Nb3+ 22.Kd1 Nxa1 23.Bxa1 Rg8]

19.Qc4= Black must now prevent Rd1.

19...Nxa1 1.12/20

[19...Bd2+= -0.25/19 remains equal. 20.Kd1 Ng6]

20.Bxa1± White leaves nothing to chance now. White stays focused until the end. **20...f6** 2.85/20

[20...Qd6± 1.08/21 might work better.]

21.d4+-

[21.Bxg4 Nc8 22.0-0 Nd6+-]

21...Qd6 3.19/17

[⌓21...Bf4 2.25/17 22.dxe5 *(22.Bxg4 f5±)* 22...fxe5]

22.Bxg4+- Rg8 23.h3 c6 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.0-0

[Weaker is Resist 25.b6 exd4 26.Nxd4 Rxg4 27.hxg4 Rb8+- 28.Qxa4 Rxb6+-]

25...cxb5 26.Bh5+ Kd7 27.Qxb5+ White is clearly winning. **27...Qc6 28.Qd3 Qa6 29.Qf3 Rac8 30.Nb4 Qxf1+** 7.06/16

[⌓30...Qd6 4.89/16 31.Bg4+ Rxg4 32.Qxg4+ Qe6 33.Qxh4 Bd2 34.dxe5 Bxb4 35.Rd1+ Ke8 36.exf6

Bxa3 37.fxe7 Bxe7 38.Qh5+ Kf8]
31.Kxf1 Rc1+ 32.Ke2 Rxa1 33.Qxf6 And now Bf7 would win. **33...exd4 34.Qxd4+ Kc7 35.Qxa1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.63
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.57
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□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2743**
■ **Grandelius,Nils** **2663**
Tata Steel 83rd (2) 17.01.2021
[Grandelius,Nils]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
Preparing for the first games in Tata Steel Masters was of course pretty weird. Duda had played in Norway Chess 3 months earlier, whereas I had only played a few games in the Spanish League even longer before. This meant that it was very difficult to predict how the opening phase would turn out. I had a feeling Duda wanted to get out of theory as soon as possible, and therefore his first move didn't really surprise despite being a rare first move for him.
1.Nf3!? d5 This had been my choice in the previous few games with 1.c4. Later in the tournament I switched to 1...g6 against David Anton Guijjaro.
2.c4 d4 3.b4!? David Cummings: 'A slightly offbeat move order. White intends to fianchetto both bishops and aim for a positional struggle, but this sequence does allow Black to stake a claim in the centre.'In some sense an 'expected surprise', meaning that it was very likely he would play something rare like this, though of course this specific move was hard to predict. **3...Bg4** David Cummings: 'An alternative approach is seen after:'Not a difficult choice for me. My overall strategy for the tournament was to go for as rich and complicated chess as possible, rather than limiting the playing field by trying to equalise concretely. For this purpose, the Botvinnik setup is a logical choice where all pieces are kept on the board for a long time and the possible plans for both sides are numerous. **4.Qb3 Bxf3** David Cummings: 'Grandelius aims for a Botvinnik structure. Instead:' **5.Qxf3 c6**
[5...e5!?∞ is nice for Black as the bishop on b2 makes it harder to defend the b4-pawn. 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.g3 *(7.a3* Flores,D (2608)-Felgaer,R (2560) Buenos Aires 2019 1/2-1/2 (53) and now*)* 7...Rb8 8.Qxa7 Bxb4 9.Bg2! Ngf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.d3]
6.g3 As White has already committed to b3, ♗b2 it doesn't really make sense to go for a central push with e3 and d4, therefore fianchettoing the light squared bishop is the only thing that really makes sense.
[6.Na3 e5 7.Rb1 Nf6 8.g4 a5 9.b5 Bc5 10.bxc6 bxc6 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 e4 13.Qh3 h6 14.d3 exd3 15.exd3 Qd7 16.Nc2 Nxg4 17.Qg3 Bd6 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 Rd8 20.Rb6 Nf6 Sanjuan Garcia,M (2649)-Semi Slav Cxd5 (2687) corr 2016 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] ½-½ (52)]
6...e5 7.b5
[7.Qb3 a5 8.b5 a4 9.Qc2 Bc5 10.Bg2 Ne7 11.0-0 0-0 12.d3 Nd7 13.Nd2 f5 14.Rb1 Nf6 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Rb7 Ng6 18.Bh3 Ne7 19.e3 dxe3 20.Bxe3 Bxe3

21.fxe3 Nd7 Shabani (2612)-4.♘e4 ♘d7 5. ♘g5 (2506) Austria AUT 2019 Blackburne [Martz,W] 0-1 (40)]

7...Nf6N

[7...Bb4 8.Bg2 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.e3 Bc5 11.exd4 Qxd4 12.Qb3 Nd7 13.Nc3 Qg4 14.Bb2 Nf5 15.Ne4 Nd4 16.Qd1 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 cxb5 18.cxb5 Rfd8 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Rc1 Ne6 22.Rfe1 Bryzgalin,K (2443)-Mukhaev,A (2409) USSR 33/101 2018 CYB 12 [V.Pandit] ½-½]

8.Bg2 White is slightly better. **8...Be7** 0.84/20 Never an automatic move in these positions.

[8...e4± 0.51/19 9.Qf5 g6 10.Qe5+ Be7]

9.d3 David Cummings: 'Both players have made the logical developing moves, and the mini-plans employed over the next few moves will set the stage for the middlegame.'This is a major tabyia of this line and Black now has an important choice. To be honest, I did not remember any concrete theory whatsoever, but having played the same pawn structure a few times before I felt familiar with the plans.

[9.0-0?! e4 10.Qf4]

9...0-0 David Cummings: 'This move, supporting a later ...b7-b5, is always a constructive choice in such setups. As shown in the game, it also doesn't rule out Black's other thematic idea of ...Bc8-e6, ...Qd8-d7 and ...Be6-h3. Instead:' A multi-purpose move. It mainly prepares a6,b5 but also steps out of the long diagonal.

[9...Qa5+! looks very unclear 10.Nd2 Bb4 11.a4 was of course also perfectly sensible. 0-0 would be the most common plan for White with the bishop still on c1. 12.Ra2]

10.0-0?! David Cummings: 'In the post-game interview, Nils pinpointed this move as being too slow. As mentioned above, White usually waits for ...h7-h6 (preventing Ng5) before moving this knight, and more importantly, the knight is usually best placed on the d2-square. Duda wanted to target the d5-square with Ne1-c2-e3, which is a typical idea in such English lines, but in this specific position Black can make a lot of progress in the meantime. A better approach is to go for something like:' This knight manoeuvre is in some sense similar to the typical ♘bd2, ♘f1, ♘g3 manoeuvre in the Ruy Lopez in the sense that it's often but far from always a worthwhile thing to do. The aim of getting the knight via c2-e3 to d5 is of course logical, but it does cost quite a bit of time and combined with b3, ♗b2 it does not work out very well. **10...a6!?** Making use of the fact that the white knight can no longer go to g5. Here it's clear that Rb8 is a much more useful move than h6. Additionally, seeing the white knight moving towards c2 and the queenside, it makes a lot of sense trying to initiate play on the kingside with Qd7, Bh3 followed by either h5-h4 or f5-f4.

11.Nd2 0.37/19

[11.bxc6]

[White should try 11.bxc6± 0.88/20 Nxc6 12.Nd2]

11...Qc7 0.77/20

[11...axb5!? 12.cxb5 lets White achieve his goal of getting his knight to d5, but the position after something like Qc7 13.bxc6 Nxc6 14.Nc4 Rfd8! is still quite pleasant for Black in my opinion. Still, compared to the game this is a much better version for

White with the knight on d5 rather than c2.]

[11...axb5± 0.37/19 feels stronger. 12.cxb5 Qc7]

12.bxc6!± David Cummings: 'Continuing with his plan. Here:'Continuing the knight manoeuvre, but again I don't think it's the most urgent thing for White to do. **12...Nxc6 13.h4?!** David Cummings: 'After this, Black definitely generates some initiative. Instead:' Surprised me as I considered improving the c2-knight to be White's main task here.

[13.Rb1 is one way to get a safe (but equal) game.]

[13.g4 was the obvious alternative.]

13...Rab8 14.Rb1 Nd8!? David Cummings: 'Black gains considerable space on the kingside and highlights the poor location of the c2-knight, which can no longer to the e3-square without being immediately kicked away by ... f5-f4.'With the bishop on b2 and knight on c2 it makes a lot of sense for Black to generate play against the white king. Pushing the pawn to f4 might look antipositional, but it is very hard for White to make use of the e4-square, and the space gained makes it easier for Black to get more pieces over to the kingside. **15.Ne4** David Cummings: 'White tries to get at least some queenside counterplay, although this is coming too late. Alternatively:' Surprised me a great deal. **15...Nd7!** David Cummings: 'Going for the king! An earlier game saw the less effective choice:' Now I started to really like my position. With the pawn on f4 the c2-knight can't get to d5, and I am threatening to trade on d5 and round up White's d5-pawn. **16.Bg5 f6**

[16...Re8 1.06/19 16...f6 0.64]

17.Bd2 David Cummings: '!?' David Cummings: 'This looks extremely dicey but Black is already doing very well, for example:' Allowing f3+ is very risky, but also understandable as White now at least keeps his strong d5-knight. **17...f5 18.Ng5** With the pawn on f3 I am obviously doing very well, but it's still far from checkmate. Now I failed to find the most convincing way forward. **18...Kh8?!** David Cummings: 'It was even stronger to keep the queen on the light squares with:'

[18...h6 1.26/18 18...Kh8 0.93 19.Qh5!]

19.g4

[19.Nxh7 -0.04/5 19.g4 0.93 Kxh7 20.Qh5+!? with some initiative. Kg8!? White must now prevent ...f4. was the move I expected during the game and a logical way of making use of the bishop on b2. I would probably have continued with 21.Bd5+ but now the knight on e1 can at least recapture on g2! The engine instead prefers 21...Nf7!? which in hindsight makes a lot of sense. Simply trying to get a queenside initiative with a5-a4 next is a bit unpleasant for White to handle.]

[19.e3]

19...f4 20.Ne4 Ne6 David Cummings: 'Black is still on top, but has lost some time with the queen, so White at least gets a good outpost for his knight.' **21.g5 Ndc5 22.Nxc5** A critical position. Quite naturally I looked for ways to deliver mate, but in fact my initiative is very long term and I should have focused more on stopping White's counterplay.

[22.Qg4 Nxe4? 2.97/17 was a solid

alternative. *(22...Rbe8±* 1.00/20 *)* 23.Bxe4+- Nc5 24.Bxh7! David Cummings: 'with the option of f2-f4 in the mix, keeps the game close to equal.'seemed more logical to me, although I believe Black's position is easier to play, for instance]

22...Nxc5 David Cummings: 'Instead:'

23.Bb4 The only chance for White is trying to get g4 in. **23...b6** 1.52/21 David Cummings: '?!'surprisingly this allows White to equalise!

[23...e4 24.dxe4∓ b6 trying to hold Black up on the kingside, can be met with *(24...d3?* 2.46/17 24...b6 0.72 *25.exd3 Rbd8 26.Rfd1* And now d4 would win. *Ne6 27.Bc3* Strongly threatening d4. *Bc5* with an edge for Black. Prevents d4. *28.e5)*]

[⌓23...e4 0.90/20 24.dxe4 Rfe8]

24.Qc6?? 1.15/19 David Cummings: '?!' David Cummings: 'Missing a chance to get right back into the game with:' Now I am winning again.

[Better is 24.Bxc5 1.52/21 Qxc5 25.Qd5]

24...Qa7 1.65/20 David Cummings: 'White can longer cope with the mating threats.' Now there's no defence.

[24...Rfc8 1.65/20 24...Qxc6 1.20 25.Qxc7 1.17/17 would solve the problem of the c2-knight, but costs some time and leaves Black with a very pleasant position after *(25.Bxc5+-* 1.65/20 *Qxc6 26.Bxc6 Bxc5 27.Bd5)* 25...Rxc7]

[24...Qxc6± 1.15/19 25.Bxc6 h6]

25.Bxc5+- **Bxc5** **26.Qe6** David Cummings: 'If White tries to hold on to the knight, then:'

[26.Be4!∓ 1.32/19 26.Qe6 1.74 is a good change of structure for Black, as White's pawn majority is not really moving whereas for Black it's easy to push all queenside pawns. Qe7]

26...Rbe8

[26...Qe7 is just winning for Black, as I will push g5 and then play ♕h3 and ♖e6-h6. 27.Qxe7 again was called for. Bxe7! would have been very strong, as Qa5 can now always be met by b6! 28.Be4 Bc5 1.95/23 snuffs out any hopes of counterplay. *(28...f3* 2.02/19 28...Rfc8 1.52 *29.exf3!± Rf4 30.a4!* is initially loved by the engines for Black, but it is very hard to break through on the kingside and I think White is doing OK here. *a5!?* is problably the best move. *31.Rb5; 28...h6! 29.Kg2; 28...Rfc8±* 1.57/20 *)* 29.Kg2!+- is the problem with my move order. With h3/ ♔h2 White gets some kind of stability. I am still doing well with the backward d-pawn, but at least White is never getting mated anymore. Rfe8!? 2.15/19 was a tempting alternative, but I failed to evaluate it properly. *(29...g6 30.Kf3! Kg7 31.h5* actually better for White!*; ⌓29...g6* 1.72/18 *30.h5 Kg7)* 30.Kf3

A) 30...Kg8 2.35/18 30...g6 1.79 and Black has a strong kingside attack. 31.Rb3? Re7 2.55/19 *(⌓31...g6* 1.74/17 *32.h5 Kg7)* 32.Rfb1 a4 is the strong threat. Ree8! 3.09/20 does not work for White. *(32...g6* 1.94/19 is a better defense. *33.Rh1 Kg7)* 33.a4+- a5 34.Rb5 aiming for h5. Rec8? 3.34/19 *(34...g6* 1.77/17 was necessary. *35.h5 Kg7)* 35.h5+- Rd8 36.Bd5+ Kf8 37.Ke4 Re8 and White is on the better side of equality, Xu,Y (2532)-Li,Y (2432)

China 2019 1/2-1/2 (30) 38.Bc6!? was the move I expected. It's a bit sad for White having to play this, but it is very important to realize that Black is already the one pushing for an edge so White should try to minimize the losses. Rec8? was my intention during the game, but it's actually a positional mistake! 39.Bd7! Rd8 40.Bf5! and I either have to open the e-file for White's rooks or allow the knight into the game;

B) ⩲30...g6 1.90/18 31.h5 Kg7;

C) 30...Rbd8 2.88/21

David Cummings: 'for example' 31.Rb3 and here I only considered the immediate attack Rd6 32.h5 Re7 3.36/21 and I win the exchange, but White does get a pawn and some freedom of movement making it a dubious practical choice for Black. *(⩲32...g6 2.11/19 33.Rh1 Kg8)* 33.Rfb1 Re8 34.a4∓ Instead, something like 34...a5 is very strong, as it turns out that White is in fact not threatening to break out in any way, so I have all the time in the world to improve slowly! 35.Rb5 Rc8 and Black dominates across the board. 36.g6?! is too dangerous as Black gets ♖f5-h5 possibilities. h6? would be good if there was time for Ne4 next, but 37.Bf5! just breaks through immediately Rcd8 38.Rxc5 bxc5 is probably the best White has, but understandably Duda did not enjoy trying to hold this very ugly-looking position. 39.Rb5]

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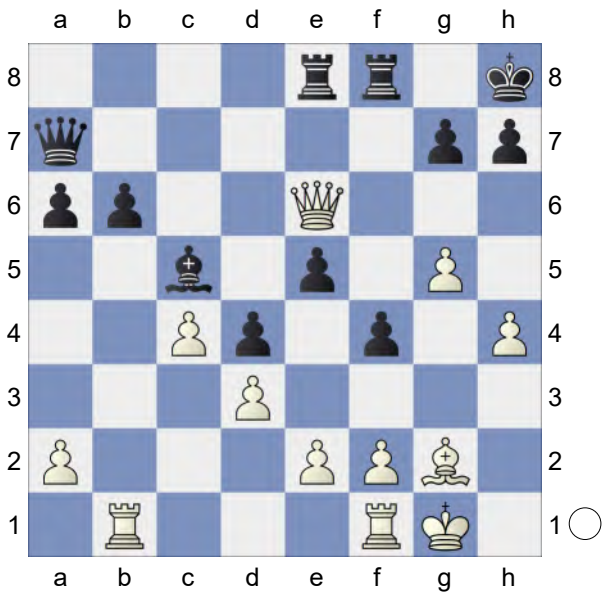


27.Qh3 The best practical try, but of course still completely lost for White.

27...Qe7!? trying to win the f4-knight for free.

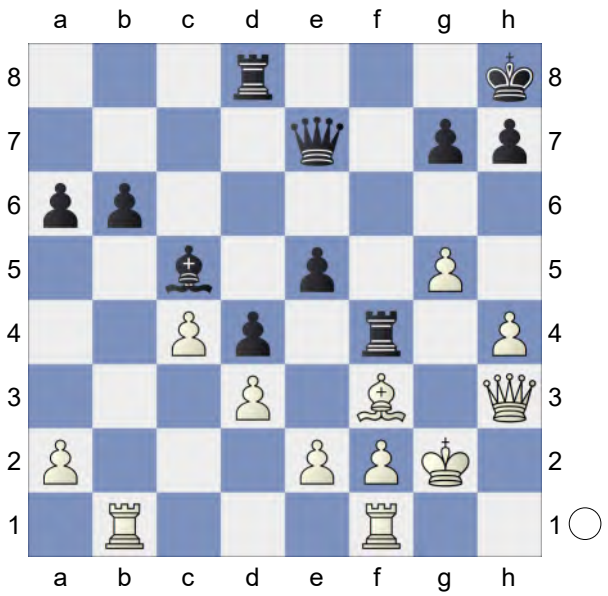
28.Bc6 Rd8! Now I am winning the knight for free and the game is over. Understandably Duda played on until the time control, but the result was never in doubt.

29.Kg2 Rd6

[29...f3+! and by playing h3 next White is surviving. 30.exf3 *(30.Bxf3* and, surprisingly, White is generating enough counterplay to avoid getting mated and is in fact no longer even any worse. *Rf4*

(Diagram)

was the obvious alternative, but I did not see what to do after *31.Be4! Rdf8 32.f3 Qd6 33.Rg1* I saw this far and thought White has managed to stabilize, but the computer points out that *Bb4!* is very strong, with the idea *34.Kh1 Bc5!* and it turns out that Black is breaking through on the queenside instead. Very difficult!



35.Rg4) 30...Rf4 31.Rfe1 Rdf8 32.Bd5 Qd6 33.Re4]

30.Be4 Qe8 31.Qf3 David Cummings: 'Black has a bishop for 2 pawns, and is winning, but has to tread carefully as White has all three of his major pieces in play.' **31...Rf7** 2.59/17

[31...h5 1.90/18 was called for. 32.g6 Rxg6+ 33.Bxg6 Qxg6+ 34.Kh2 Rf5]

32.Qh5 g6 33.Qf3 h5 34.gxh6 Rh7 35.Rh1 Rxh6 36.Rbg1 Re6 37.Qg4 Re7 4.15/18

[⩲37...f3+ 2.76/17 38.Bxf3 *(38.Qxf3 Qf8±)* 38...Bb4]

38.Kf3 Rg7 39.Qg5!? the last trick before move 40. **39...Rh5 40.Qf6**

[40.Bxg6-+ and White is left without any practical chances. Qa8+ 41.Be4 also wins immediately. Rgxg5 42.hxg5 and Black will deliver checkmate or pick up a lot of material. Qe8 Hoping for ...Kg8. 43.g6 just wins, as ♖h3 ♕h5 can't be stopped Rxh1 44.g7+ Kg8 (-> ...Qh5+) 45.Bd5+ is mate immediately. Kh7! David Cummings: 'for example' was absolutely the only move. During the game I saw the move, but by instinct simply didn't believe it could work. The engines thinks otherwise though and gives an evaluation of 0.00... One of the main points is 46.g8Q+ Qxg8 47.Rxh1+ and now]

40...Qe7 David Cummings: 'The looming 41...Qf3+, trading queens, ends all resistance.'Having reached move 40 without any more tricks available, Duda resigned.

[40...Be7 would actually be a draw! 41.Qxb6! was the last practical try, but apart from slower methods, the concrete]

[40...Kh7 6.18/16 40...Qf8 4.21 41.Rxg6 Rxg6! would be the most convincing. The point being 42.Rg1! Rhh6! 43.h5]

41.Rxg6??

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise) . Loss on time!?

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□ **Mchedlishvili,M** **2593**

■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2678**

44th Olympiad 2022 (6.6) 03.08.2022

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3 Bd6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.a4 Bf5N**

[9...a6 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 20.Bd2 Nd7 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1 d3 23.exd3 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez,E (2240)

Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 Rxc3]

10.e4 dxe3 0.85/17
[10...Bg4± 0.46/17]

11.Bxe3± a5 12.Nc3 Nbd7 13.Nh4 Bg4 14.Qc2 Rad8 15.h3 Be6 16.Nf3 h6 17.Nd2 Qc8 18.g4 Rfe8 19.Rad1 Nf8 20.b6 -0.40/19
[20.Nde4= 0.24/17]

20...Ng6 21.Nb5 h5 22.Ne4 Nxe4
[22...Be7 is interesting. 23.Na7 Qb8 24.Nb5 hxg4 25.Nc7 Nf4]

23.dxe4 Bb8 24.f3 -0.67/20
[Better is 24.gxh5= -0.10/19 Nh4 25.Na7 *(25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bg5 Nxg2=)* 25...Bxa7 26.bxa7 Nxg2 27.a8Q Qxa8 28.Kxg2]

24...Rd4 -0.35/18 **25.Nxd4** -1.01/17
[25.gxh5∓ -0.35/18 Rxc4 26.Qd2]

25...exd4∓ Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **26.Bd2** -1.46/17
[26.gxh5? Nh4 27.Bg5 Nxg2 28.Qxg2 Bxh3-+]
[⌓26.Bg5 -0.99/17]

26...hxg4
[26...Ne5?! 27.gxh5 Bxc4 28.f4=]

27.hxg4
[27.fxg4 Qd8 28.Rde1 *(28.Bxa5? Qd6-+)* 28...Qxb6∓]

27...Nf4
[Reject 27...Ne5?! 28.f4 Nxg4 29.Rf3=]

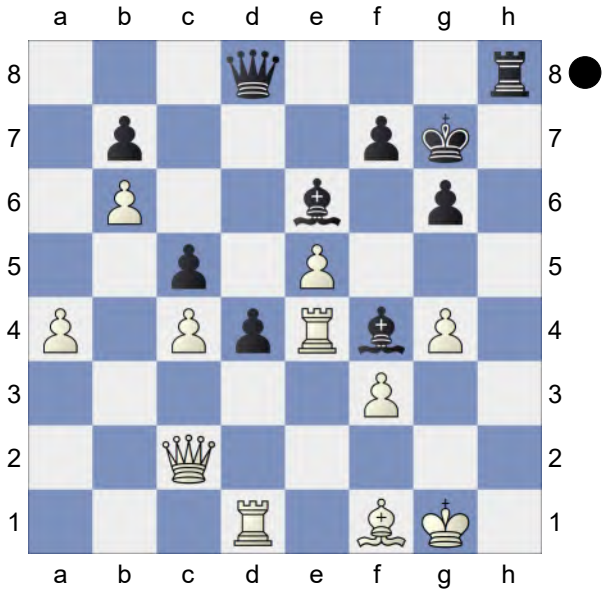
28.Bxa5 -2.72/19
[28.Kf2∓ -1.54/15]

28...Qd8-+ 29.Rfe1 Be5 aiming for ... d3. **30.Bf1 g6 31.Bd2?** -4.00/19
[31.Qf2 -2.34/17 Bxc4 32.Bd2]

31...Kg7
[Worse is 31...Qh4 32.Bxf4 Bxf4 33.a5∓ *(33.Qg2 Ra8∓)*]

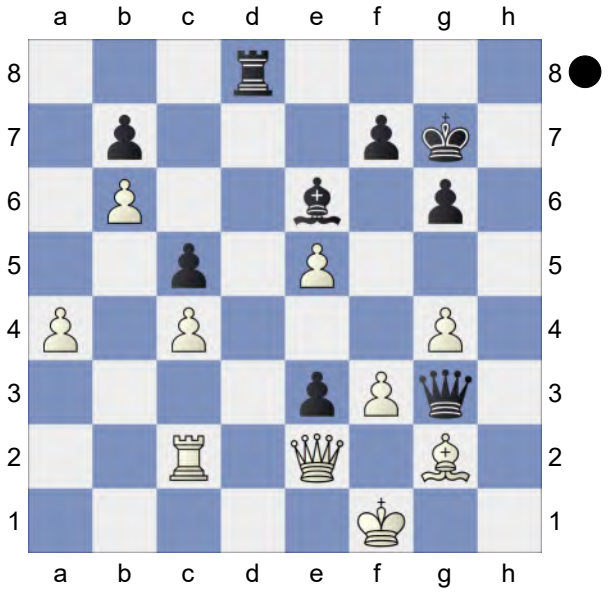
32.Bxf4 Bxf4 33.e5 -3.09/17
[33.a5 -1.84/17 was worth a try.]

33...Rh8 34.Re4 -5.50/18
[⌓34.Qg2 -3.69/19 Qxb6 35.Ra1]



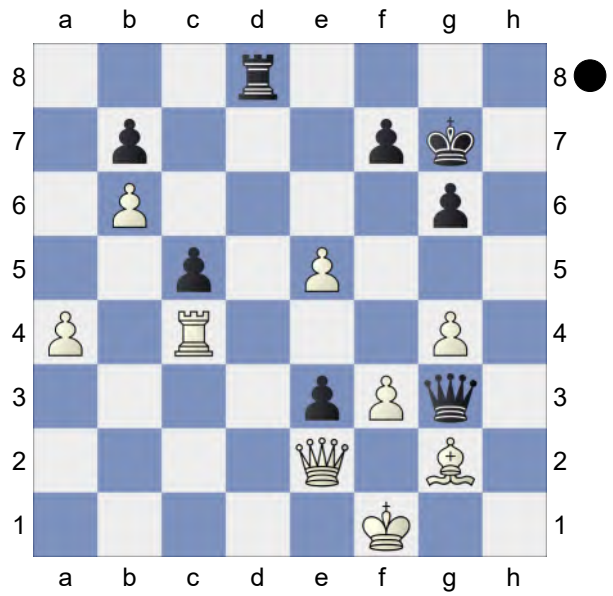
34...Qh4! 35.Bg2 Be3+ 36.Rxe3 dxe3 37.Qe2 Qh2+
[Weaker is 37...Bxc4 38.Qxe3 Qh2+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+ 40.Kg1=]

38.Kf1 Qf4 39.Rc1 Rd8 And now ... Rd2 would win. **40.Rc3 Qg3** (-> ...Rd1+!) **41.Rc2**



Bxc4! 42.Rxc4
[42.Kg1 Bxe2]

(Diagram)



42...Rd1+!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
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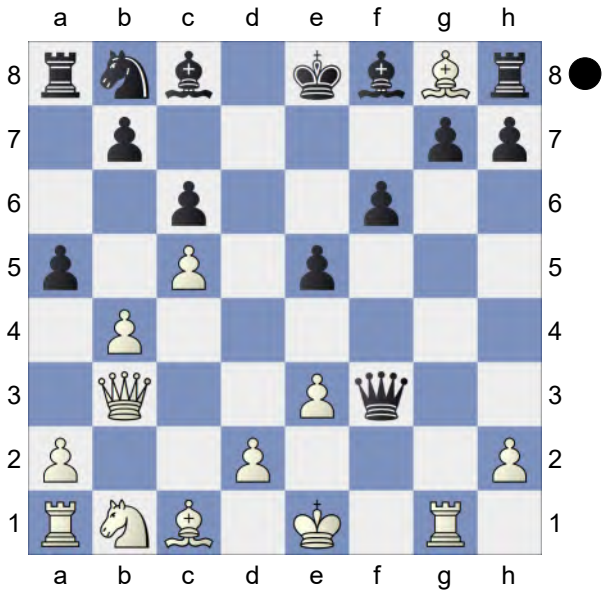
A09

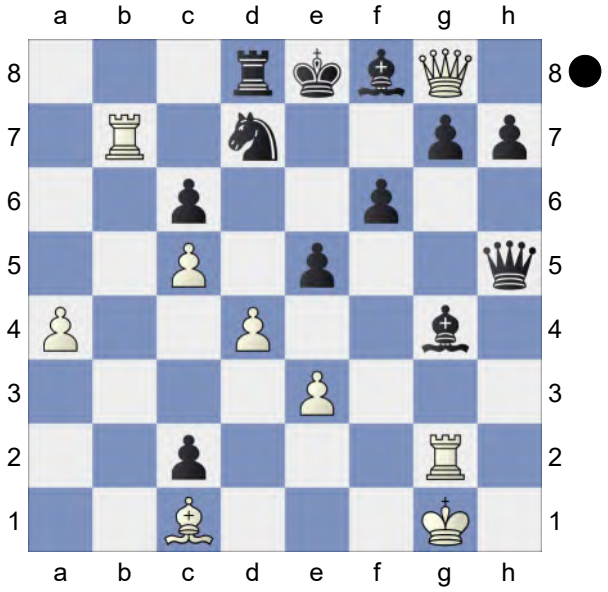
☐ **Mekhitarian,K** **2540**
■ **Sarana,A** **2685**
Titled Tue 22nd Aug Early blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Qd7 7.Bb5 c6! 8.Bc4 The position is equal. **8...dxe3**
[8...Na6 9.exd4 e4 10.b5 Nb4 11.a3 exf3 12.axb4 Qxd4 13.d3 Qe5+ 14.Be3 fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.bxa5 Nd5 18.d4 Qxh2 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6 Be7 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.Rxa4 0-0 23.Ra8 Duda,J (2729)-Grischuk,A (2766) Paris Rapid & Blitz 2019 [David Cummings] 1-0 Re8 24.Kd2 Kf8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8 27.Bf4 Ba5+ 28.Kd1 1-0 (28) Duda,J-Grischuk,A Paris 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]
9.fxe3 d4 is the strong threat. **9...Qg4**
10.Qb3N -1.36/19
[Better is 10.b5!= 0.15/19 e4 11.Nd4 Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bxc5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 Qxh2 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Nf2 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Kf8 19.Rc1 Chapter-Advance Variation D4 e) 6...Qd7 7.Bb5 c6 8.Bc4 dxe3]
10...Qxg2∓ 11.Rg1 -3.03/18 This move loses the game for White.
[11.Rf1∓ -1.06/17]
11...Qxf3-+ 12.Bxg8



Rxg8! 13.Qxg8 Bg4→ Black has strong attack.
[Avoid the trap 13...axb4? 14.Rxg7 Qh1+ 15.Rg1 *(15.Ke2? Qxh2+ 16.Ke1 Qh4+ 17.Kf1 Qh3+ 18.Ke1 Be6-+)* 15...Qxh2 16.Bb2-+ *(16.Rg7? Qh4+ 17.Kd1 Qh5+ 18.Kc2 Bf5+ 19.Kb2 Nd7-+)*]
14.Nc3 -3.49/17 Against Qe2+
[⌓14.Qc4 -2.25/18 f5 15.Rf1 *(15.Nc3? axb4 16.Rf1 Qg2-+)*]
14...axb4 Dancing on a razor blade.
15.Rg3? -5.53/20
[15.Qc4 -3.09/16 keeps fighting. f5 16.Ne4 fxe4 17.Rf1 Qd1+ 18.Kf2]

15...Qh1+ Black is clearly winning. **16.Kf2 Qxh2+ 17.Rg2 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 bxc3 19.Rb1 Nd7 20.Rxb7 c2 21.Bb2 Rd8** aiming for ...e4. **22.d4 Qh3** Strongly threatening ...Be6. **23.Bc1 Qh5 24.a4**



Nxc5! 25.Rxg4
[25.Rxg7 Bf5]
25...Qxg4+
Weighted Error Value: White=1.25/ Black=0.39
0-1

A09
□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2587**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2709**
Grandiscacchi Ch Open A (5.1) 24.05.22
[Kitty Kat]

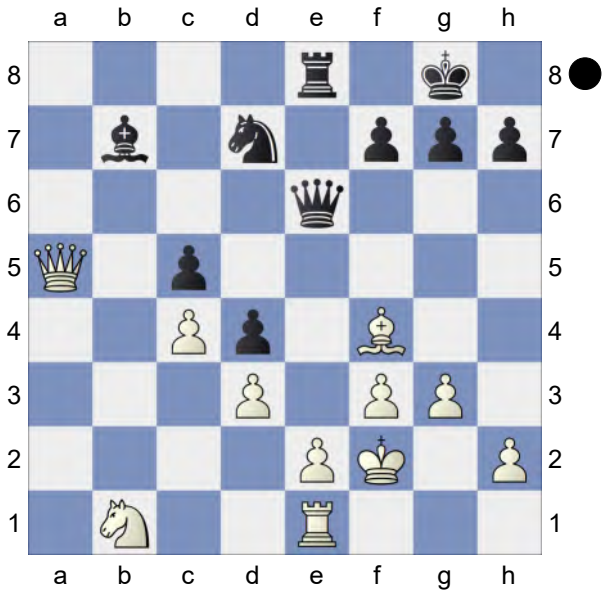
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.a3
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...Qc7N
[4...f6 5.d3 e5 6.Qb3 *(6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bc5 12.Bd5 Nge7 13.e4 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qb3 a4 17.Qc4 Bd6 18.axb4 b5 19.Qa2 Qxh3 20.Na3 Rb8* A 09/04) 6...a5 7.b5 Bd6 8.g3 f5 9.Bg2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.e3 Kh8 13.Nh4 g6 14.Nd2 Kg7 15.e4 f4 16.gxf4 h6 17.fxe5 hxg5 18.exf6+ Qxf6 19.Nhf3 A 09/04]
5.d3 e5 6.g3 cxb4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qa4! Nxe5! is the strong threat. **9...Nd7 10.axb4 Bxb4 11.Nxd4! exd4 12.Bxc6** Remove Defender **12...bxc6 13.Qxb4 c5 14.Qa5 Qc6 15.Bf4 Bb7 16.f3 0-0 17.Qc7** aiming for Qxc6. **17...Rfe8 18.Kf2 a5! 19.Rxa5** -0.24/22
[19.Na3± 0.45/20]
19...Rxa5=
[Much worse is 19...Qe6 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Kg1±]
20.Qxa5 Qe6 21.Re1 -0.97/20
[21.Qd2!= -0.13/18 remains equal.]

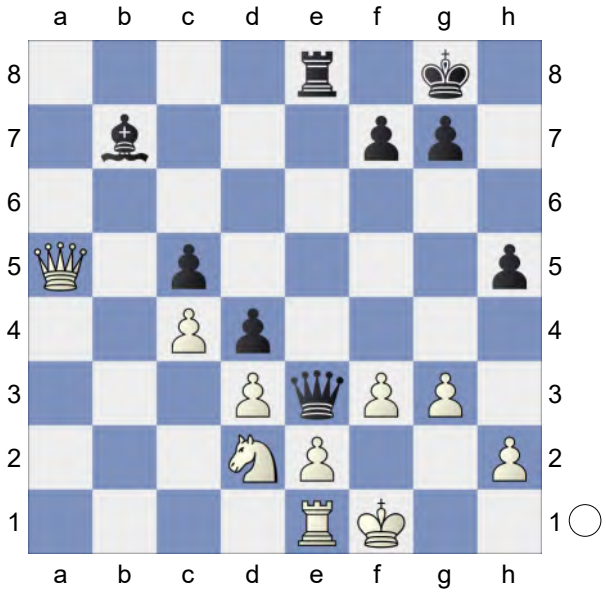
(Diagram)

21...Ne5 0.52/21
[21...g5!∓ -0.97/20 22.Bxg5 Ne5]
22.Bxe5± Qxe5 23.Nd2 Qe3+! 24.Kf1! h5!

(Diagram)

25.Nb3 0.01/25
[25.Qb5!± 0.61/22 Qe7 *(25...Bc8 26.Kg2)* 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.dxe4 *(27.fxe4 f5=)*]



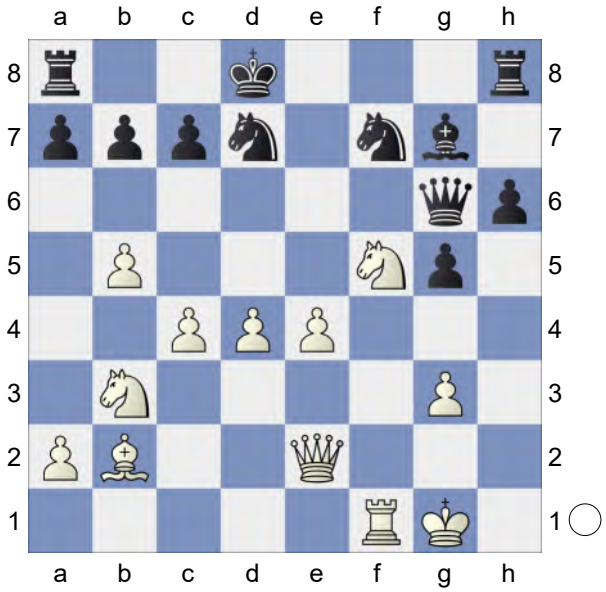


25...Bxf3= The position is equal. **26.Qd2 Qxd2 27.Nxd2** Endgame KRB-KRN **27...Bg4 28.Kf2 Re5 29.e3** Black must now prevent exd4. **29...Rf5+ 30.Kg2** Threatens to win with exd4. **30...Re5 31.Kf2** Strongly threatening exd4. **31...Rf5+ 32.Kg2** Hoping for exd4. **32...Re5 33.Kf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2693**
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2616**
World Blitz 2021 (16.32) 30.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2
The position is equal. **8...f5**
[8...0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81)]
9.0-0 Ng6 10.Nb3N
[10.a4 0-0 11.a5 a6 12.Nb3 e4 13.dxe4 fxe4 14.Nfxd4 2) Reversed Benoni: Rare 3rd -Reversed Benoni: 3...g5 #11]
10...f4 0.46/20
[10...Nd7= -0.12/22]
11.e3 -0.40/18
[11.Nc5± 0.46/20]
11...dxe3∓ 12.fxe3 e4
[12...fxg3 13.Nfd2 g4 14.Bd5=]
[12...0-0!? 13.gxf4 gxf4=]
13.Nfd4 aiming for Qh5. **13...f3**
[13...Bxd4 14.Qh5 *(14.Nxd4 f3±)* 14...Rg8 15.exd4+- *(15.Nxd4 f3±)*]
14.Bxf3 exf3 15.Qxf3 Ne5 Against Qf7+ **16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.b5** -1.35/20
[17.e4!= 0.00/22 remains equal. Qd6 18.Bb2]
17...Qe8∓ 18.Qe2 Qg6 0.00/20
[18...Bxh3∓ -0.97/20 Hoping for ... Kd8. 19.Nf5+ Bxf5 20.Rxf5 g4]
19.e4 -1.48/19

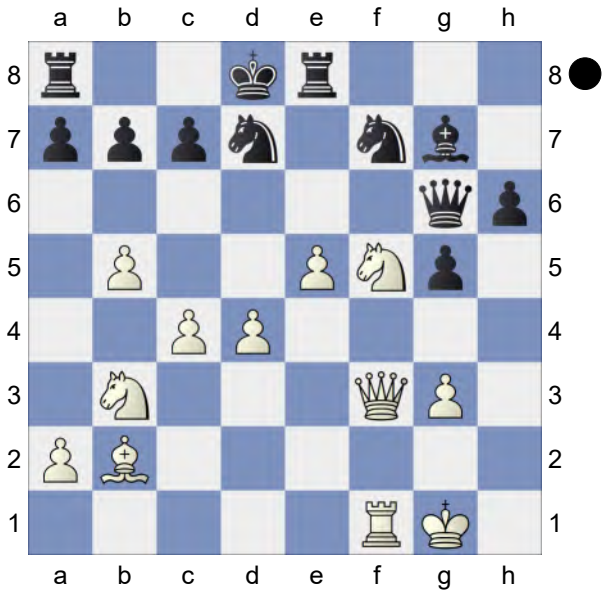
[19.g4= 0.00/20]
19...Bxh3 20.Nf5+ Kd8 21.Bb2 Bxf1 -0.42/18
[Better is 21...Re8!∓ -1.29/21 And now ...a6 would win. 22.Rf2 Nbd7 23.Bxe5 Nxe5]
22.Rxf1∓ Nbd7 0.67/23
[22...Re8!∓ -0.47/22 23.Bxe5 Bxe5]
23.d4± &Bianco is more active. **23...Nf7** 1.63/21
[23...Re8!± 0.69/20]



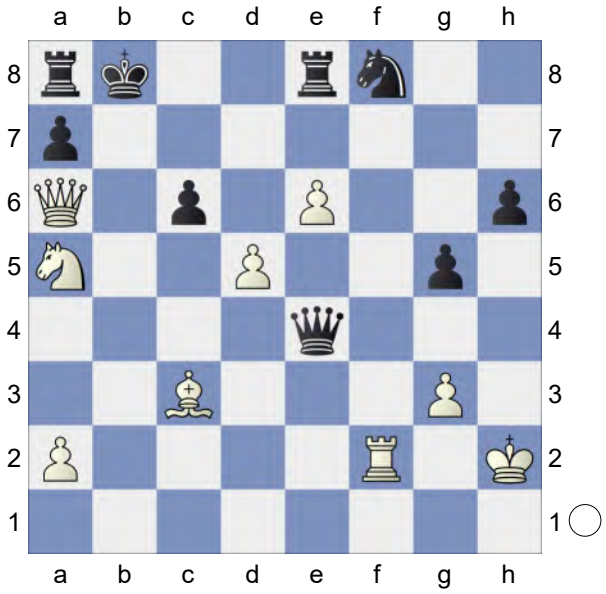
24.e5? 0.00/24
[24.c5!+- 1.63/21]
24...Re8= 25.Nxg7
[Of course not 25.Qf3

(Diagram)

Bxe5! 26.dxe5 Nfxe5∓]
25...Qxg7 26.e6 Nd6 27.c5↑ White has the initiative. **27...Nxb5** 6.39/23 Black cannot hold the game after this. **28.d5+- Nc3 29.Qd3 Qg8 30.Bxc3 Nf8 31.Rf7** Intending c6 and mate. **31...Kc8 32.c6** White mates. **32...Qg6 33.cxb7+ Kxb7 34.Qb5+ Kc8 35.Qa6+ Kb8 36.Na5 Qb1+**



37.Kg2 Qc2+ 38.Rf2 Qe4+ 39.Kh2 c6



40.Be5+! Qxe5 41.Qb7#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.70
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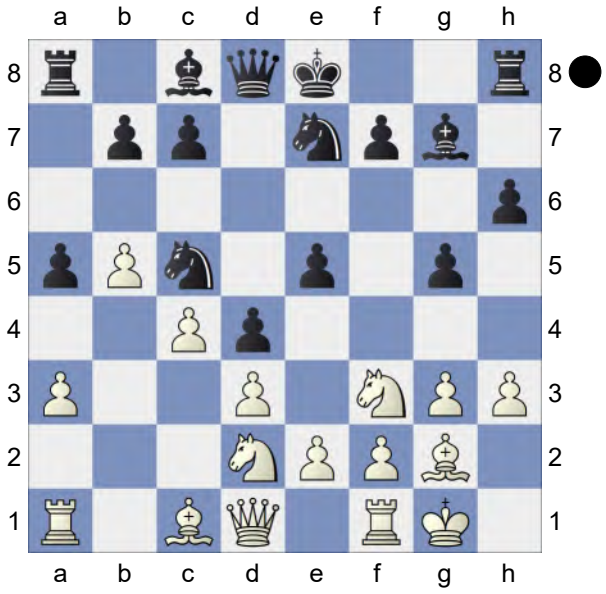
A09
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2657**
■ **Klimkowski,Jan** **2531**
Speed Chess Poland blitz (2.11) 25.01.24
[Kitty Kat]

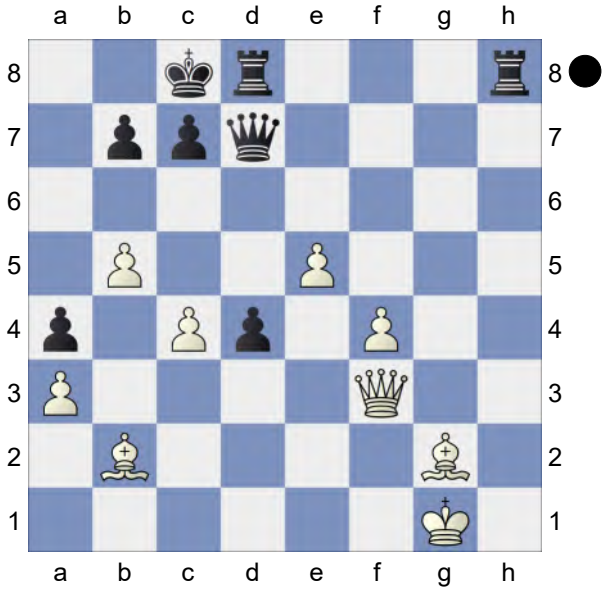
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.d3
[5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]
5...e5N
[5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Anton Guijarro, D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
6.a3 -0.42/21
[Don't play 6.Nxe5 Bxb4+ 7.Bd2 Bc5∓]
[6.Qa4+= 0.12/19 Qd7 7.b5]
6...Bg7∓ 7.g3 Ne7 8.Bg2 Black is slightly better. **8...a5 9.b5 Nd7** -0.23/21
[9...a4∓ -0.54/20 is superior.]
10.0-0 Nc5 0.27/19
[10...a4∓ -0.50/19]
11.Nbd2 -1.03/17
[11.a4!= 0.27/19]



11...a4!∓ Black converts the advantage convincingly. **12.Ne1** -1.35/20
[⌓12.Ne4 -0.94/20 Nb3 13.Rb1]
12...Be6 &Nero is more active. **13.Bb2** -1.63/19
[13.Ne4∓ -1.18/20 Nxe4 14.Bxe4]
13...Qd7-+ 14.Kh2 f5 Prevents Ne4. **15.Qc2** -2.33/18
[⌓15.e3 -1.67/17]
15...h5 16.e3 h4 Hoping for ...hxg3+. **17.exd4 exd4** And now ...hxg3+ would win. **18.Ndf3** -2.95/16
[18.Nef3 -1.89/15 was called for. Bf6 19.Rae1]
18...hxg3+ 19.fxg3 Bf6 aiming for ...f4. **20.Kg1 g4 21.hxg4 fxg4 22.Nd2 Bg5 23.Rf4 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Bf5**

[Avoid the trap 24...Qd6? 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4-+]

25.Ne4 Bxe4 26.dxe4 0-0-0 27.Nd3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 Ng6 29.Rf1 Nh4 30.e5 Nf3+ 31.Rxf3 gxf3 Dancing on a razor blade. **32.Qxf3**



c6 33.f5? -7.67/20

[33.bxc6 -3.60/17 bxc6 34.f5]

33...Rhg8 Threatens to win with ...d3. Black is clearly winning. **34.e6 Qd6 35.Kf1 Rg3 36.Qe4 Re3** (-> ...Qg3) **37.Qg4 Qe5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.34

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A09

□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2657**
■ **Klimkowski,Jan** **2531**
Speed Chess Poland blitz (2.17) 25.1.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

4...h6 5.d3

[5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]

5...e5N

[5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2

Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Anton Guijarro, D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

6.a3 -0.48/24

[6.Qa4+= 0.00/24 Qd7 7.b5]

[Reject 6.Nxe5 Bxb4+ 7.Nd2 *(7.Bd2 Bc5∓)* 7...Qd6∓]

6...Bg7∓ 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Nb3 Black is slightly better. **8...b6 9.g3 Bb7 10.Bg2! Nd7 11.e4 dxe3 12.Bxe3 0-0 13.0-0! Nf5 14.Bd2 Re8 15.Re1 Nf8 16.Qc2 Ne6** 0.07/22

[16...Rc8∓ -0.40/23 feels stronger.]

[⌓16...Qf6 -0.27/20]

17.Bc3!= f6? 1.70/21 Loses the game. This costs Black the game.

[17...Qd6!= 0.07/22]

18.Rad1+- And now d4 would win. Threatens to win with d4.

[Resist Much less strong is 18.Nxg5?! Ned4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 hxg5±]

18...c5 3.46/21 Against d4 Prevents d4.

[18...Rb8± 1.66/21 was necessary.]

19.d4

[Less strong is Not 19.Nxg5 Ned4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 cxd4±]

19...Nfxd4

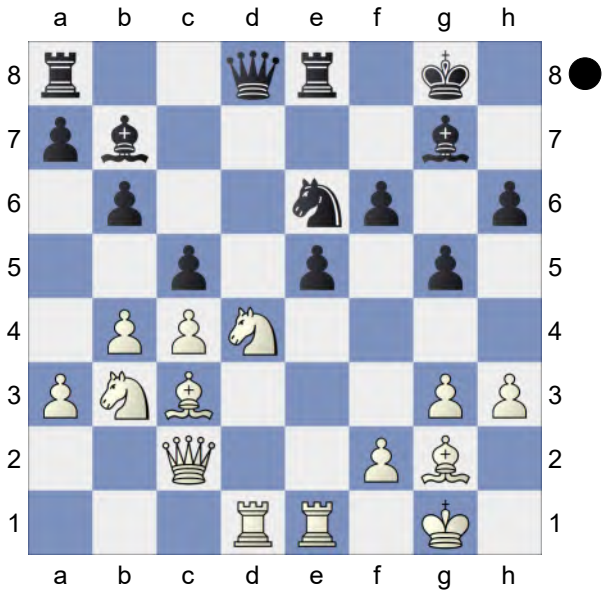
[19...Nexd4? 20.Nfxd4 Nxd4 21.Nxd4+-]

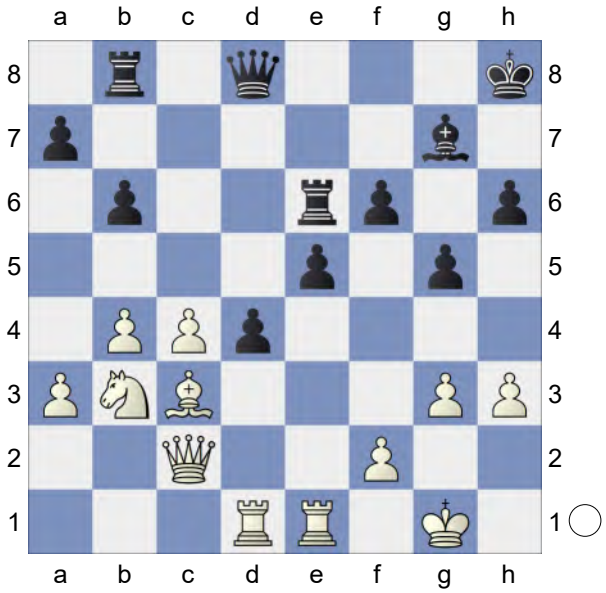
20.Nfxd4

(Diagram)

Discovered Attack **20...cxd4 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bd5 Kh8 23.Bxe6 Rxe6**

(Diagram)





24.Nxd4! Re8

[24...exd4 25.Rxe6]

25.Nf5 Qc7 26.Nxg7 Kxg7 27.Bb2 Rbc8 28.Qf5 Re7 Inhibits Rd7. **29.Rc1 Rd8 30.c5 bxc5 31.Rxc5 Qd6 32.Rec1** Rc6 is the strong threat. And now Rc6 would win. **32...h5** 11.90/21

[⌓32...Qe6 4.65/20 33.Qxe6 Rxe6 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.Rxa7 Red6]

[⌓32...Qd7 4.36/19 33.Qxd7 Rdxd7]

33.Rc6 Re6 34.Rxd6 White mates. **34...Rdxd6 35.Rc7+** White mates. **35...Kf8 36.Qh7 Rd1+ 37.Kg2 Ke8**

38.Qg8#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.40
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.66
1-0

A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2675**
■ **Zhigalko,S** **2572**
World Blitz 2022 (20.20) 30.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e6 6.b5
[6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8 Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1]
6...Nd7N
[6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 d3 21.Ne3 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40) Nd4 22.Qg4 Rd8 23.Nd5 Rxd5 24.exd5 Bf6 25.Rae1 Qd7 26.Qh3 Rxa4 27.g4 Ra2 28.g5 Rxd2 29.gxf6 Re2 30.Ra1 Re8 31.fxg7 d2 32.f6 Qd8 33.Qh4 Nf5 34.Qg5 Ne3 35.Rfb1 Nc2 36.Bh3 Rapport,R (2729)-Caruana,F (2813) Germany 2017 CBM 182 [Postny, Evgeny] 0-1 (40)]
7.Bg2 Nc5 8.0-0 White is better. **8...Nf6 9.f4 Be7 10.d3**
[Of course not 10.Ba3 Nfd7=]
10...0-0 11.Qe2 0.29/18
[11.Ba3± 0.86/19]
11...a6= 12.Qc2 -0.18/23
[12.Ba3! 0.29/18 might be stronger.]
12...Qd7 13.a4 -0.27/20
[⌓13.Ba3 0.05/20]
13...axb5 14.cxb5 Nd5 15.Bb2 -1.45/22
[15.Bxd5= -0.17/18 Qxd5 16.Nd2]
15...Rfd8 -0.21/20
[Black should try 15...Nb4∓ -1.45/22 16.Qc4 Nxa4]
16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.Nd2 Against Qb3
17...c6 18.Rfe1 -0.46/18
[18.Ba3= 0.01/19]
18...cxb5!∓ 19.axb5 Rxa1 0.00/18
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise) . Loss on time!?
[19...Rac8!∓ -0.63/21 20.Rec1 Qd7]
1-0

A09
□ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.14) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e5
[5...e6 6.b5 *(6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8* Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7

16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40)]

6.Bg2 Bxb4N

[6...Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.b5 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Bg2 Ngf6 12.d3 Qe7+ 13.Kf1 Nc5 14.Bc6+ Kf8 15.Ra2 Nfd7 16.gxf4 Qf6 17.Nd2 Qxf4 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.h4 h5 20.Bg5 Ne5 21.Nxc5 Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) Tbilisi 2017 CBM 181 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (50) Bxc5 22.Be4 Qe6 23.Bd5 Qf5 24.Be4 Qe6 25.f3 Rxb5 26.Bd5 Qd6 27.Bxf7 Rb7 28.Bd5 c6 29.Be4 Bxa3 30.Qa4 Bb4 31.f4 Rf7 32.Kg2 Ng4 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Bxc6 Ne3+ 35.Kf3 g6 36.Be4 Salman,F (2675)-Oskooei,M (2707) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2017 CBM 145 [FS 12/1979 p311] 1-0 (50)]

7.f4! Nd7 8.fxe5 White has an edge. **8...Ne7** 0.64/21

[8...Nxe5= 0.25/22 9.0-0 *(9.Qa4+ Qd7∓)* 9...Ne7]

9.0-0

[9.Qa4 a5=]

9...0-0 10.Qe2 -0.16/20

[10.f4± 0.58/20]

10...d3!= 11.Qxd3 Nxe5 12.Qb3 N7c6 13.Bb2 a5 14.a3

(Diagram)

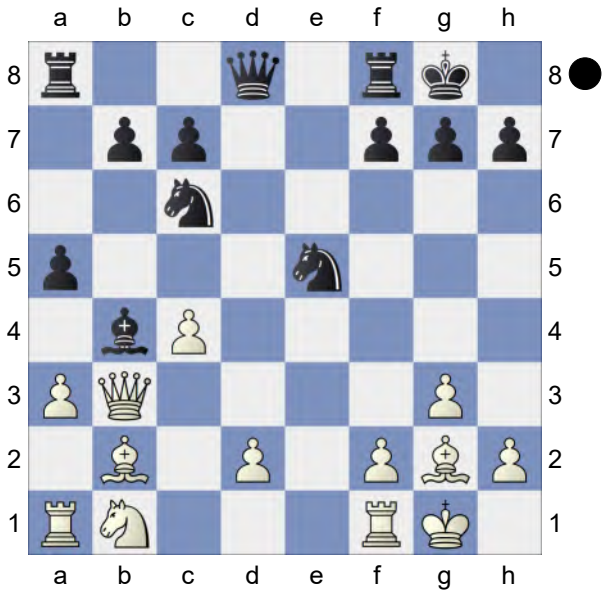
Bxe5 is the strong threat. **14...a4!** **15.Qc2** Hoping for Bxe5. **15...Bc5!** **16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Nc3 c6**

[Don't take 17...Nxc4 18.Ne4 *(18.Nxa4 Bd4±)* 18...Bd4 19.Qxc4±]

18.Nxa4 Bd4 19.Rab1 f5 -0.06/19

[19...Ra7!∓ -0.48/21]

20.c5 Kh8 White must now prevent ...



Ng4. **21.Nc3!**

[21.Rxb7 f4 22.Nb6 Rxa3∓]

21...f4 aiming for ...Ng4. **22.Ne4**

[Of course not 22.Rxb7 fxg3 23.hxg3 Qg5∓]

22...Rxa3 next ...fxg3 is good for Black. **23.Rxb7 h6 24.gxf4** -0.49/19

[24.Kh1= 0.03/23]

24...Nf3+!∓ 25.Bxf3 Rxf3 26.Rb3 R3xf4 27.Rg3 Be5 Black has compensation. **28.Rg2 Rf3 29.Qc4 R8f4** -0.09/25

[29...R3f4∓ -0.51/21 deserves consideration. 30.Re1 Qh4]

30.Qe2 Qd5 31.Re1 Bd4 32.Kf1 -0.56/22

[32.Rg3!= -0.09/25 Rxf2 33.Nxf2 Bxf2+ 34.Qxf2 Rxf2 35.Kxf2]

32...h5 -0.25/19

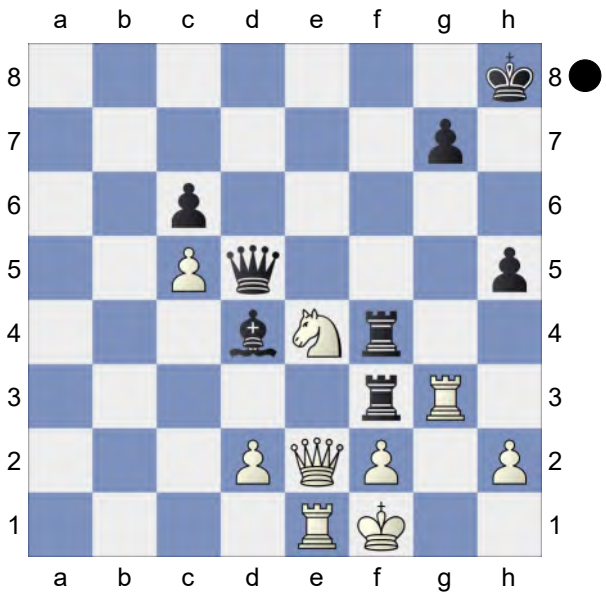
[32...Ra3∓ -0.56/22 should be considered.]

33.Rg3? -4.92/18

[33.Kg1= -0.25/19 Kg8 34.Kh1]

(Diagram)

33...Qxe4!-+ 34.Rxf3 Qxf3



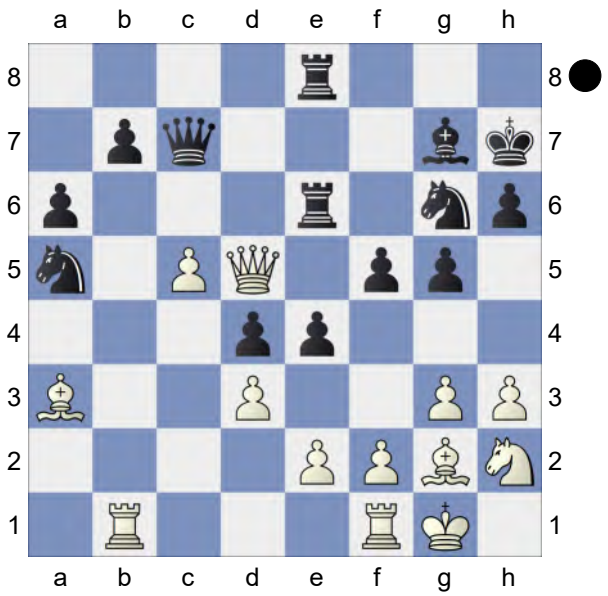
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

A09

□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2554**
■ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2605**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (1)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7 5.d3 h6! 6.g3 -0.21/19
[6.Nbd2 0.15/20 feels stronger.]
6...e5= 7.Bg2N
[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
7...Ne7 8.0-0 The position is equal.
8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.a4 f5 0.23/16
[⌓10...Nd7 -0.13/18]
11.a5! a6 12.b5 Be6 0.35/19
[12...c6= 0.00/16]
13.Nh2 White wants to play Ba3. **13...c6 14.bxc6** -0.08/18
[⌓14.Nb3 0.29/20]
14...Nxc6 15.Nb3 e4! 16.Ba3 Re8
[16...Rf7!?]
17.Nc5 Nxa5 next ...Bf7 is good for Black.
[17...Qxa5 18.Qb1 Nge5 19.Nxe6 Rxe6 20.g4± *(20.Bd6!=)*]
18.Nxe6 -0.36/19
[18.Rb1!= 0.01/23 is superior.]
18...Rxe6∓ 19.Qa4 Nc6 20.Rab1 Qc7 21.Qb3 Na5 22.Qa2 Rae8 &Nero is more active. **23.c5 Kh7** -0.27/19
[23...Kh8!∓ -0.67/20 24.Kh1 Nc6]
24.Qd5 -1.21/21
[24.dxe4∓ -0.38/23 fxe4 25.Qd5]

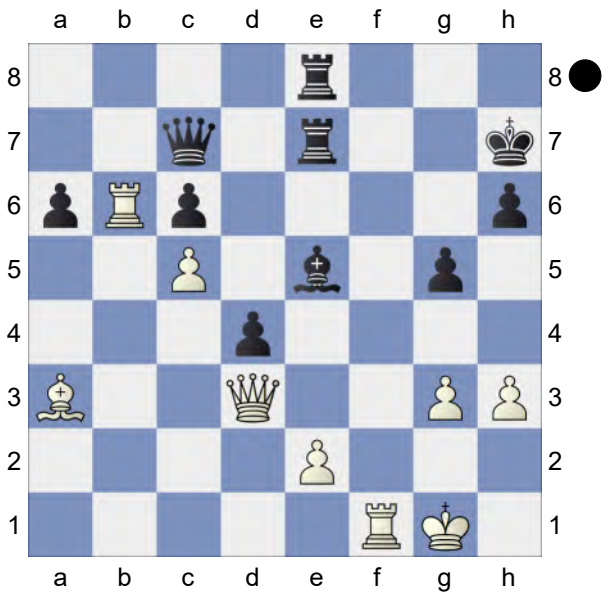
(Diagram)



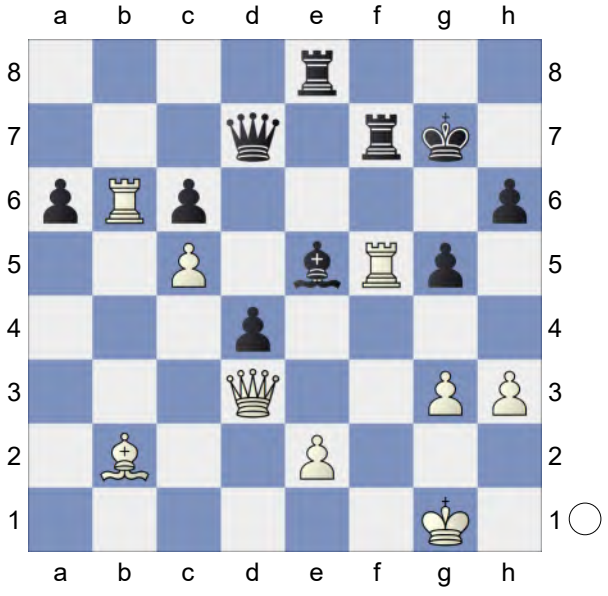
24...Qf7? 0.42/20 &Nero is more active.
[24...f4!∓ -1.21/21 25.Rb6 Nc6 26.Bxe4 fxg3]
25.dxe4± f4 26.Nf3 Nc6 27.Rb6 0.02/20
[27.h4!± 0.57/21]
27...fxg3= 28.fxg3 Qc7 29.e5 Ngxe5 30.Nxe5 Bxe5 0.87/24
[30...Rxe5= 0.00/29 keeps the balance. remains equal. 31.Qd6 Qe7]
31.Qb3± R6e7 32.Bxc6? -1.42/20
[32.Rb1± 0.91/20 stays on course. keeps the pressure on. Kh8 33.Rxb7 Qxb7 34.Qxb7 Rxb7 35.Rxb7]
32...bxc6∓ 33.Qd3+

(Diagram)

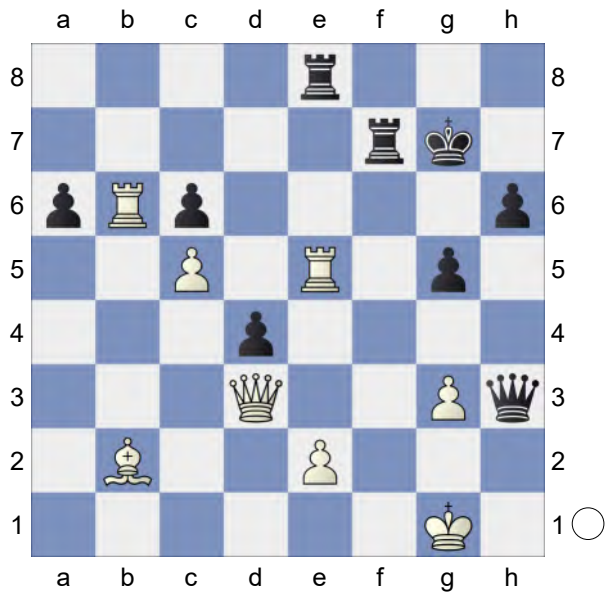
Kg7 0.00/29
[33...Kh8 34.Bb2∓]
[Black should play 33...Kg8!∓ -1.38/23 Hoping for ...Bg7. White must now prevent ...Bg7. 34.Bc1 *(34.Qf3 Re6 35.Rxa6 Bxg3)* 34...Bg7]
34.Bb2= Qd7 35.Rf5 -0.41/21
[35.e3= 0.00/19]
35...Rf7 0.32/19



[Better is 35...Kg8!∓ -0.41/21 36.Rxe5 *(36.Rxa6? Bg7∓)* 36...Rxe5 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Qxh6+ Qh7 39.Rxc6 Qxh6 40.Rxh6+ Kg8 41.Rxa6 Rxe2 42.Bxd4 Rc2 43.Rg6+ Kh7 44.Rg7+ Kh6]



36.Rxe5! Qxh3
[Much less strong is 36...Rxe5 37.Bxd4 Qd5 38.Rb8± *(38.Rxa6± Kf8±; 38.Bxe5+ Qxe5 39.Rxa6 Qf6=)*]

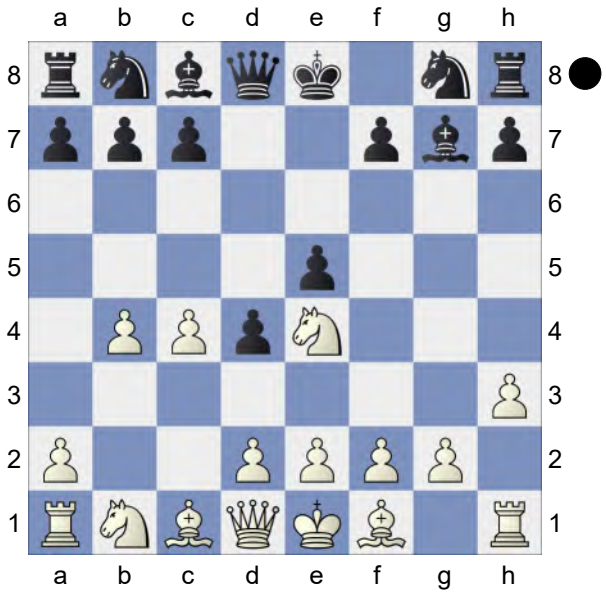


37.e3? -#5/18 This move loses the game for White. **37...Qxg3+** Black mates. **38.Kh1 Qe1+ 39.Kg2 Rf2+ 40.Kh3 Qh1+ 41.Kg4 Qh4#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

A09

□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2693**
■ **Ivic,Velimir** **2606**
World Blitz 2021 (20.35) 30.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...Bg7N
[4...h6 5.d3 *(5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8* Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 Cl1-130 [Mirkovic, Slobodan] *)* 5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari, A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81)]
5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 -0.87/21
[6.d3± 0.48/22 is the one way to stay ahead.]

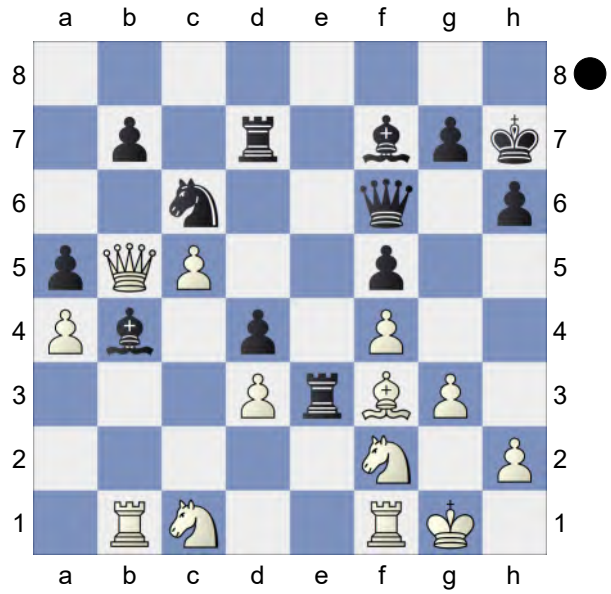


6...f5!∓ Black has strong compensation.

7.Nc5 Nf6 -0.41/19
[7...b6∓ -0.91/20 8.Nb3 Bb7]
8.d3 -0.97/20
[8.g3!∓ -0.41/19]
8...0-0 -0.51/19
[8...b6∓ -0.97/20 9.Nb3 Bb7]
9.g3!∓ b6 0.17/20
[9...Qe7∓ -0.35/20]
10.Bg2= bxc5 1.06/18 **11.Bxa8± c6 12.b5 Qd6** 1.38/20
[⌓12...e4 0.97/18 13.bxc6 *(13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.bxc6 Qe8±)* 13...Qe8]
13.Na3 f4 14.gxf4 e4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.34
1-0

A09
□ **Urazayev,Arystanbek** **2472**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2689**
Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.bxc5 Nc6 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bxc5 7.Bg2 Nf6N
[7...h6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 0-0 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Nc2 Bf5 13.Rb1 Rac8 14.Qc1 e4 15.Rb3 Rfe8 16.Re1 Qd7 17.Qb2 b6 18.dxe4 Nxe4 19.Nf3 Nc5 20.Nfxd4 Bxc2 21.Nxc2 Nxb3 22.axb3 Kramnik,V-Tkachiev,V d5, d4 and f6: model games 1-0 (55) Qd2 23.Qb1 Na5 24.e3 Qc3 25.Nd4 Qb4 26.Bd5 Rc7 27.Rd1 Nb7 28.Nb5 Rce7 29.Bxb7 Rxb7 30.Nd6 Rbb8 31.Nxe8 Rxe8 32.Rd5 g6 33.Qd3 Re7 34.Kg2 Re6 35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.Qd4+ Rf6 37.Rd7 Hantel,T-Durufle,A New York CBM 157 [John Watson] 1-0 (55)]
[7...f5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nb3 Bb4 11.Rb1 a5 12.a3 Bc3 13.Nc5 Qe7 14.Na4 e4 15.Nh4 Ng4 16.Nb6 g5 17.Nxa8 gxh4 18.Nb6 Be6 19.dxe4 hxg3 20.fxg3 d3 21.Qxd3 Bd4+ 22.e3 Magallanes,F-Knudsen,P Torino 1933 ZUS D66 [John Watson] 1-0 (39)]
8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Nb3** -0.64/19
[10.Ng5= -0.29/17]
10...Bf8∓ &Nero is more active. **11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nfd2 a5 14.a4 Bb4 15.e3** -1.29/18
[15.Ne4∓ -0.57/19 Qe7 16.c5]
15...Qg6 aiming for ...dxe3. **16.exd4 exd4 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qc2** -2.28/18
[18.f3∓ -1.42/15 is a better defense. Bf5 19.f4]
18...Rad8 19.f4 -2.93/16 Loses the game.
[19.c5∓ -1.44/18]
19...f5-+ 20.Nf2 Re2 21.Qc1 Bh5 White must now prevent ...Rde8.
[21...Qh5 22.Nxg4 fxg4 23.Rf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2∓]
22.c5 -3.66/17
[22.Qb1 -2.55/16 is the only way for White.]
22...Qf6 -2.13/17
[⌓22...Bc3 -3.66/17 ...Kh7 is the strong threat. 23.Rb1 Kh8]
23.Rb1 Kh7 24.Qc4 -3.58/17
[24.g4 -2.23/15 was necessary. Bf7 25.gxf5]
24...Bf7 25.Qb5 Rd7 -3.45/19
[⌓25...Qe7 -2.39/18 26.Bf3 Bd5 27.Bxd5 *(27.Bxe2 Qxe2 28.Qxb7 Ne5-+)* 27...Rxd5]
26.Bf3 Re3 27.Nc1? -5.95/19
[But not 27.Nxa5 Bxa5 28.Bxc6 bxc6]
[27.Nh3 -3.43/19 was called for.]



27...Rde7 28.Bg2 Re1 29.Nb3 R1e3 30.Nc1
[Avoid the trap 30.Nxa5? Bxa5 31.Nd1 *(31.Bxc6? Qxc6 32.Qxa5 Re2-+)* 31...Bc3-+]
30...Qe6 31.Qb6 Qd7 32.Nb3 Bd5 33.Bh3 Qe6 34.Na1 Re2 Hoping for ... Qg6. **35.Rbc1 Be1** A strong pair of Bishops. **36.Nh1 Qe3+ 37.Nf2 Bxf2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.31
0-1

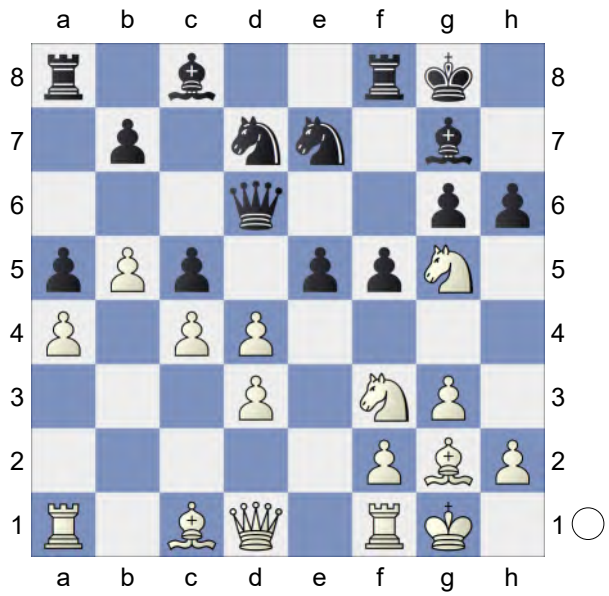
A09

□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2561**
■ **Aditya,Mittal** **2595**
World Blitz 2023 (3.27) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 0.33/17
[6...a6= -0.28/21]
7.Nbd2 0.00/19
[7.a4± 0.33/17 might be stronger.]
7...Ne7 0.34/19
[7...Nd7= 0.00/19]
8.Bg2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Nd7 10.a4 a5 11.Ne4N** -0.10/17
[11.Ra2± 0.40/17 f5 12.e3 dxe3 13.fxe3 Qc7 14.Bb2 h6 15.e4
A) 15...Qd6 16.exf5 Nxf5 *(16...gxf5 17.Qe2 Ng6 18.Nh4 Nxh4 19.gxh4 Ra7 20.Bd5+ Kh7 21.Kh1 b6 22.Rg1 Bb7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Qg2* 57. Reversed Benoni Structure-3... g6,9 d5, d4 and f6: Reversed Benon*)* 17.Ne4 Qe7 18.Bc1 Kh7 19.Raf2 56. Reversed Benoni Structure-3... g6,9 d5, d4 and f6: Reversed Benon;
B) 15...f4 16.Qa1 g5 17.Bh3 Kh7 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Qe8 21.g4 Ng6 22.Ndf3 59. Reversed Benoni Structure-3... g6,9 d5, d4 and f6: Reversed Benon]
11...Qc7!= 12.e3 f5? 1.59/18
[12...dxe3!= 0.01/18 13.Bb2 *(13.fxe3 f5∓)* 13...exf2+ 14.Rxf2 b6]
13.Neg5± &Bianco is more active.
13...Qd6 Against Ne6 **14.exd4 h6** 2.52/20
[14...cxd4± 1.60/17 15.Nd2 *(15.Ba3 Nc5±)* 15...Qf6]

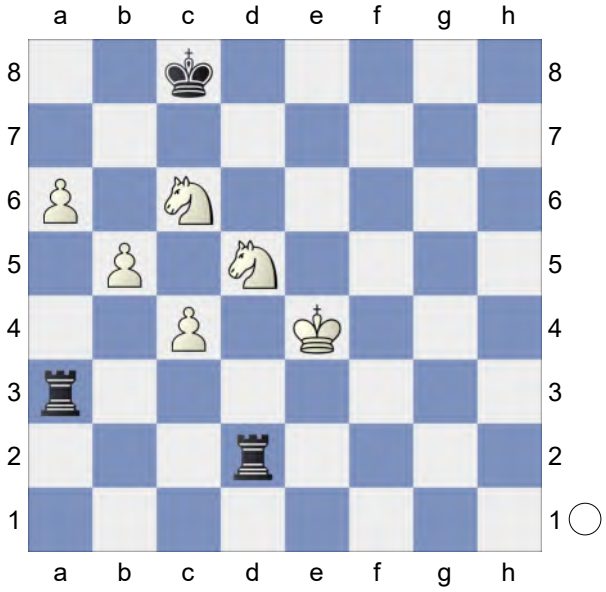
(Diagram)

15.Nh3 1.03/19
[15.dxe5!+- 2.52/20 is the precise move to win. Qb6 16.Re1! *(16.Nh3 g5±)*]
15...cxd4 1.42/18
[⌓15...g5 1.03/19]
16.Ba3 Nc5 17.Nd2 1.03/18
[⌓17.Re1! 1.53/18]
17...Rb8 1.80/21
[17...Qb6± 1.03/18]



18.Nb3 1.12/16
[18.f4+- 1.80/21]
18...b6 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Nxa5 0.97/18
[⌓20.f4! 1.59/18]
20...e4 2.00/17
[20...f4± 0.97/18]
21.Nb3+- Pair of Knights! **21...g5**
22.Re1 0.67/20
[22.a5+- 1.73/18]
22...e3 23.fxe3 -1.68/14
[23.f4!± 0.57/19 stays ahead.]
23...dxe3-+ 24.Rxe3 -2.40/22
[24.d4∓ -1.49/17 keeps fighting. f4 25.dxc5]
24...f4 25.gxf4 gxf4 26.Rf3 Bxa1 27.Qxa1 Bg4 28.Nf2 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Kh7 -1.38/19
[29...Rbe8-+ -1.99/20 aiming for ... Nf5. 30.Qd1 Rf7]
30.Be4+ Nf5 31.a5 -2.08/18
[⌓31.Nd2 -1.64/17]
31...f3
[31...Qg6+ 32.Kh1 Rg8 33.Nxc5∓]
32.Kh1 Qg6 -0.31/17
[32...Rbe8-+ -1.77/19 Threatens to win with ...Rxe4! 33.Qd1 Qf4]
33.Qg1∓ Qh5 34.Qg4 Really sharp!
[34.Nxc5? Rg8 35.Qc1 Rbe8-+]
34...Qxg4 35.Nxg4 Kg7 1.15/20
[35...h5? 36.Ne3 Kg6 37.Nxc5+- *(37.Bxf5+ Rxf5 38.Nxf5 Kxf5∓)*]
[35...Kh8!= -0.02/19]
36.Nxc5± Ne6+ is the strong threat.
36...Rbe8 1.59/21 Against Ne6+
[Better is 36...Nd4 1.00/18]
37.Kg1 0.78/20
[Don't blunder 37.Bxf3? Nh4 38.Ne4 Rxf3-+]
[⌓37.a6! 1.59/21]
37...Nd6? 3.88/19
[37...h5± 0.78/20 38.Ne5 *(38.Nf2 Ne3∓)* 38...Rxe5]
38.Kf2+- Rf4 39.Ne3 Rh4 40.Kg3
[Don't take 40.Kxf3?! Rh3+ 41.Kf4 Rxh2±]
40...Rh5 41.Nb3 0.00/19
[41.Nd5+- 2.08/26]
41...Nxe4+= 42.dxe4 Rxe4 43.Kxf3 Re8
[43...Rhe5!? 44.Nf5+ Kf6=]
44.Nd4! Hoping for a6. **44...Rh3+** 0.68/20
[44...Kg6= 0.00/19 45.Ng4 Rh3+ 46.Kf4 Rf8+ 47.Ke4 Rh4]
45.Kf2? -1.03/20
[45.Kg2!± 0.68/20 keeps the upper hand. Rh5 46.Nd5]
45...Rxh2+∓ 46.Kg3? -2.07/17
[46.Kf3!∓ -0.52/17]
46...Ra2-+ 47.Nef5+ Kf6 48.a6 -2.29/17
[48.b6∓ -1.49/17]
48...Re1? -0.03/19
[Black should try 48...h5-+ -2.29/17 Strongly threatening ...Rg8+. 49.Kf4 Rh8]
49.Nd6? -3.03/20
[49.c5!= -0.03/19 and White has nothing to worry.]
49...Rb1? -0.34/15
[49...Rd1-+ -3.03/20 50.Ne4+ Ke5]

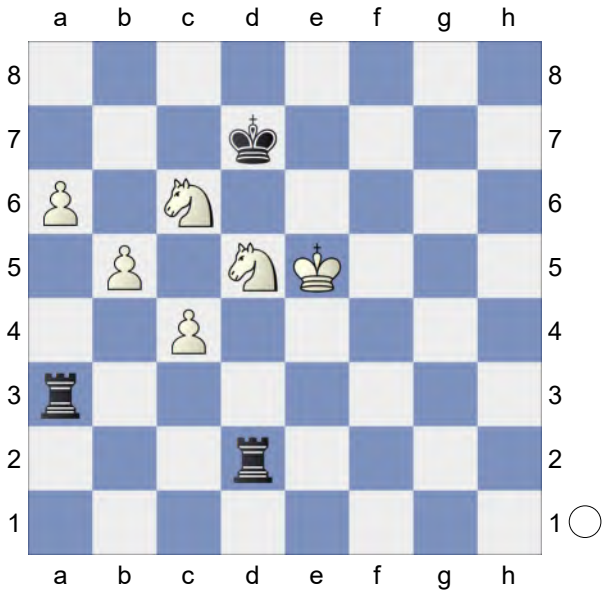
50.Kf4‡ Ke7 0.04/21
[⌓50...Rf1+ -0.27/18 51.Ke4 h5]
51.N6f5+ Kd7 52.Nxh6 -0.44/22
[52.Ke5= -0.01/22 is superior.]
52...Rc1 -0.01/21
[52...Kd6!∓ -0.44/22 53.Ndf5+ Kc5]
53.Ng4= Kd6 54.Ne3 Kc7 55.Nd5+ Kd6 56.Ne3 Kc7 57.Ke4 Re1 58.Ne6+ White has compensation. **58...Kb6 59.Nf4 Ra3 60.Nd3 Rh1 61.Nd5+ Ka7 62.Kd4** Black must now prevent N3b4. **62...Rd1 63.N5b4 Kb6 64.Ke4 Rd2?** 6.14/23
[64...Rh1= 0.00/18]
65.Nd5+- Ka7 66.N3b4! White wants to mate with Nc6+. **66...Kb8** 6.87/20
[⌓66...Ka8 4.78/19 67.Nc6 Rxd5]
67.Nc6+? 2.35/20
[67.b6 6.87/20 Rb2 68.Kd4]
67...Kc8



68.Ke5 1.05/18
[68.Ncb4!+- 2.61/18 Ra5 69.Ke5]
68...Kd7± 69.Nb6+ Kc7 70.Nd5+ Kd7

(Diagram)

71.Ncb4 1.31/15
[White should play 71.c5!+- 2.23/20]



71...Re2+? 5.11/18
[71...Ra1± 1.31/15 is tougher.]
72.Kd4+- White is clearly winning.
72...Ra1 73.b6 And now b7 would win.
73...Rb2 9.78/19
[⌓73...Rd2+ 4.32/15 74.Kc3 Rh2]
74.b7 Rxa6 75.Nxa6 Rxb7 76.Nc5+ Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.49
1-0

A09
□ **Seemann,Jakub** **2489**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2648**
Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
Gufeld,E: 'Inf 13/17' **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 dxe3 5.fxe3 e5 6.d4N** -0.84/16
[6.Qb3± 0.75/20 keeps the pressure on.]
[6.c5 Be6 *(6...Bg4 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.b5 Nb4 9.Qb3 Bxc5 10.Bc4 e4 11.Ng5 fxg5 12.Bxg7 Ne7 13.0-0 Kd7*

14.Nc3 Bf5 15.Bf6 Bg6 16.Be6+ Kd6 17.Bf7 Bxf7 18.Nxe4+ Kd7 19.Nxc5+ Ke8 20.Qxb4 Rg8 21.Nxb7 Tatlow,S (2466)-Roehrich,S (2724) United States 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Suetin,A; Neven,K] 1-0 (39) *Qd7 22.Nc5 Qd6 23.Qe4 Rb8 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Qc6+ Kd8 26.Nb7+ Rxb7 27.Qxb7 Be6 28.Qxa7 Qd6 29.a4 Rg6 30.Qd4 Qxd4 31.exd4 Kd7 32.a5 Rg8 33.a6 Bd5 34.Rf5 Ba8 35.a7 Kc8 36.Rf7* Chapter A00-Games Game 6 (39)*)* 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 Nh6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Bb3 Qd7 11.Nc3 Na6 12.d4 *(12.a3 Nc7 13.d4 0-0-0 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Bxe6+ Nxe6 16.Nxd1 fxe5 17.Nc3 Rd3 18.Ne4 Ng4 19.Re1 Rhd8 20.h3 Nf6 21.Nf2 Rb3 22.Nxe5 Nd5 23.Nc4 Nc3 24.Na5 Rb1 25.Rxb1 Nxb1 26.Nc4 Nc3* Kruglov (2600)-Hantel,T (2785) Larisa 2007 ZUS C87 [Bennett,William] ½-½ (39) *)* 12...Nxb4 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.Rb1 70. Reversed Benoni-Structure: 3... f6,4 d5, d4 and f6: Reversed Benon]

[6.a3 c5 7.bxc5 Bxc5 8.d4 exd4 9.exd4 Bb6 10.c5 Ba5+ 11.Bd2 Be6 12.Qa4+ Nc6 13.Bb5 Bxd2+ 14.Nbxd2 Nge7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rfe1 Bd5 17.Ne4 Nf5 18.Bc4 Kh8 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Nc3 Qf7 Gufeld,E-Stupen USSR 13/17 1972 CI1-130 [Gufeld,Eduard] 1-0 (40)]

6...exd4? 0.75/17

[6...Bxb4+∓ -0.84/16 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 Qe7]

7.c5± dxe3 1.20/18

[7...d3!± 0.63/17]

8.Qxd8+? -0.34/15

[8.Bxe3 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Nc6∓]

[8.Qb3!± 1.20/18]

8...Kxd8∓ 9.Bxe3 Bg4 0.94/20

[9...a5!∓ -0.36/16 stays ahead.]

10.Nc3± White has strong compensation. **10...Ne7 11.0-0-0+ Kc8 12.Bc4! Nbc6** 1.71/20

[12...Ng6± 0.80/17]

13.a3 0.94/17

[13.b5!+- 1.71/20]

13...Ng6 14.h3 Nce5 15.Bb3 0.34/20

[15.hxg4 Nxc4 16.Bd4 a5=]

[15.Ba2!± 0.85/21 Bd7 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Rd2]

15...Bd7± 16.Nd4 0.05/20

[16.Rd2± 0.70/18]

16...a5

[16...b6 with more complications. 17.Ne6 bxc5 18.Bxc5 a5]

17.Kb2 axb4 18.axb4 c6 19.Ne4 Kc7 0.48/17

[19...b6= 0.08/19]

20.Nd6 0.04/18

[20.Rhf1± 0.48/17]

20...Be7 1.08/20

[20...Bxd6= 0.04/18 remains equal. 21.cxd6+ Kb8]

21.N4f5 0.64/18

[21.N6f5!± 1.08/20]

21...Bf8 22.Nd4 0.03/16

[22.Rhf1± 0.60/19]

22...Bxd6= 23.cxd6+ Kb8 24.Ra1 -0.31/25

[24.g4= 0.11/18]

24...Rxa1∓ 25.Rxa1 Re8↑ Prevents Ne6. And now ...Nd3+ would win. Black has some pressure. **26.Bg1 Nf4** Pair of Knights! **27.Nc2** -1.19/21 White is now going downhill.

[27.Nf3= -0.25/18 Nxf3 28.Bb6 Bxh3 29.gxf3]

27...Be6!∓ 28.Bb6 -1.98/20

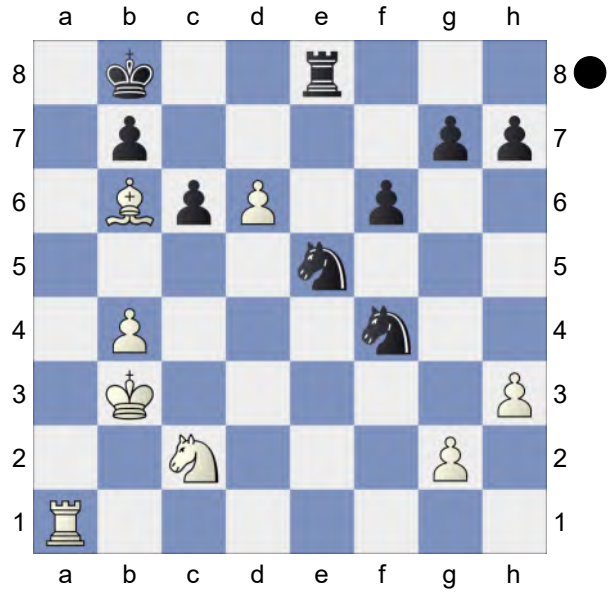
[28.Nd4∓ -1.06/16 keeps fighting.]

28...Bxb3-+

[28...Nxg2 leads to mate. 29.Bc7+

Kc8 30.Bxe6+ Rxe6 31.Ra8+ Kd7 32.Rd8#]

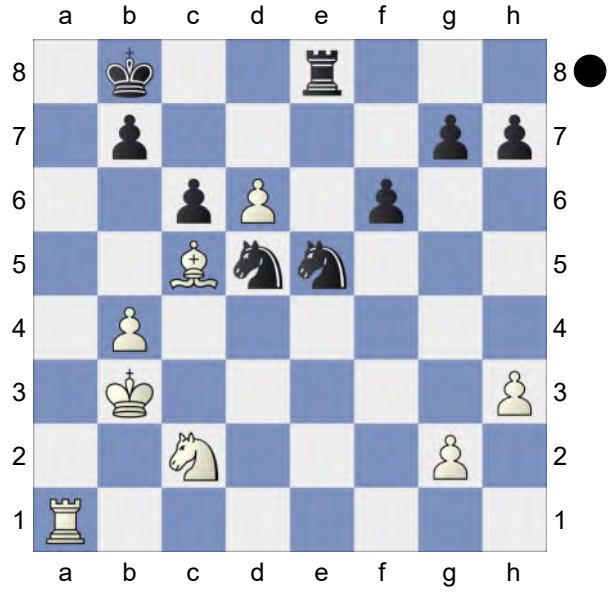
29.Kxb3



Nd5

[Stronger than 29...Nxg2 30.Rg1 Nf4 31.Rxg7=]

30.Bc5



b6! 31.Bg1 Rd8 32.Nd4 -2.98/18

[⌓32.Rd1 -1.75/17]

32...Rxd6 33.Nf5 Rd7 34.Bh2 Kb7 35.Re1 g6 36.Bxe5 fxe5 Endgame KRN-KRN

[But not 36...gxf5? 37.Bh2-+]

37.Nh6 Re7 Black is clearly winning.

38.Ng4 e4 39.Kc4 b5+ 40.Kc5 e3 41.Kd6 Re4 42.Ne5 Nxb4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.23 (precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2537**

■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2676**

Julius Baer Play-In 2023 rapid (4.33)

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 a6N

[4...g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.d3 Nh6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.exd4 cxd4 9.g3 e5 10.Bg2 a5 11.b5 a4 12.Ba3 Re8 13.0-0 f5 14.Ne1 Nd7 15.Rc1 Nf7 16.Nc2 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Nb4 Nc5 19.Re1 Chapter Chapter 3-Game 18 Game - 18 (65) Qd6 20.Rb1 Bd7 21.Bd5 Rad8 22.a3 Bc8 23.Rb2 Re7 24.Nf3 Nh6 25.Rbe2 Rde8 26.Qd2 Kg7 27.Qb2 Ng4 28.Qb1 Nf6 29.Kg2 h6 30.Qd1 g5 31.h3 Nh7 32.Kh2 h5 33.h4 g4 34.Nd2 Verlinsky,B-Rubinstein,A Moscow 1925 1-0 (65)]

[4...Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3

19.Bxh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½]

5.bxc5 Nc6 6.e3 e5 7.exd4 exd4 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bxc5 9.0-0 Nf6** -0.02/16

[9...Nge7∓ -0.51/17]

10.Re1+= Kf8 0.28/20

[10...Be7 -0.09/20 feels stronger.]

11.Ba3 -0.28/19

[White should try 11.Bf1 0.28/20]

11...b6! 12.Bf1 Qd6 13.Bxc5 bxc5

[Of course not 13...Qxc5 14.d3=]

14.d3 h6 15.Nbd2 g5 16.Rb1 -0.69/19

[16.Qe2 -0.38/22 might be stronger.]

16...Kg7∓ 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Bf5 19.Re1 Rab8 20.Nd2 -1.59/20

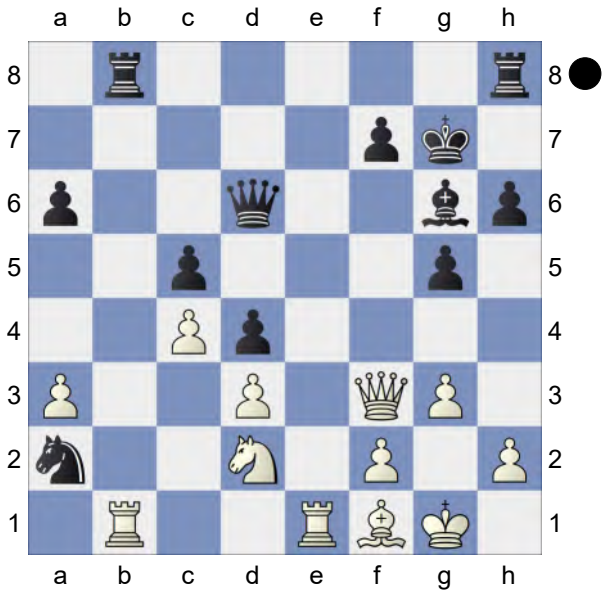
[⌓20.Rb3 -0.88/19]

20...Nb4 -0.74/18 0x0.0020e918fee7dp-1022s more active pieces.

[⌓20...Rxb1 -1.59/20 21.Qxb1 Rb8]

21.Qf3∓ Bg6 22.a3! Na2 Hoping for ... Nc3. **23.g3** -2.11/19

[23.Qd5∓ -0.80/19 Qxd5 24.cxd5]



White does not recover from this.

23...Nc3!-+ 24.Rxb8 Rxb8

[Inferior is 24...Qxb8 25.Qc6=]

25.Bh3? -4.25/20

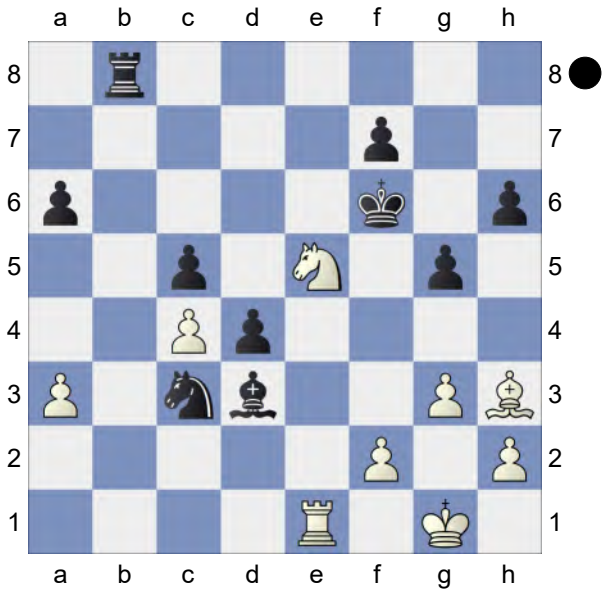
[25.Qg2 -1.93/18]

25...Qf6 Threatens to win with ...Rb2.

26.Qxf6+ Kxf6 27.Nf3 -4.99/21

[27.Bf1 -3.43/18 is a better defense. g4 28.f3]

27...Bxd3 28.Ne5



Black must now prevent Nd7+. **28...Ne2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.25 (precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Petrov,Nikita** **2561**

■ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2589**

EU-ch Blitz Zagreb (10) 16.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2N

[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8

20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

7...Ne7 8.a4 The position is equal.

8...Ng6 0.06/19

[⌓8...0-0 -0.29/18]

9.Nbd2 0-0 10.b5 Re8 11.Ba3 f5 0.22/18

[⌓11...Nd7 -0.16/19]

12.0-0 -0.11/18

[⌓12.Nh2 0.22/18]

12...e4 1.04/21

[12...Nd7= 0.06/20]

13.Ne1? -0.70/23

[13.dxe4!± 1.04/21 fxe4 14.Ne1]

13...e3∓ 14.Nb3 exf2+

[14...f4 with more complications. 15.g4 h5 16.Be4 Ne5]

15.Rxf2 Re3 -0.12/21

[15...Be5∓ -0.44/18]

16.Rf3= -0.43/19

[16.Bf3= -0.12/18 might be stronger.]

16...Qe8 0.09/18

[16...Re8!∓ -0.29/21 feels stronger.]

17.Nc2= f4 2.11/21

[17...Rxe2= 0.04/22 and Black is okay. 18.Nbxd4 Rxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f4]

18.Nxe3+- dxe3 19.d4 0.99/20

[19.Qf1!+- 1.83/22]

19...Bf5 2.10/25 Inhibits Qd3.

[19...Nd7± 0.99/20 keeps fighting. 20.Qd3 Nf6]

20.g4 0.94/21

[20.Qf1+- 2.10/25]

[20.Nc5+- 1.73/20]

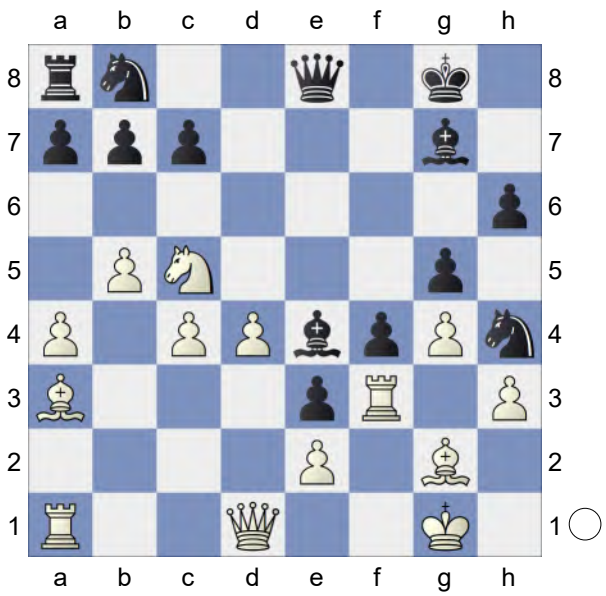
20...Be4 2.25/20

[20...Bc8± 0.94/21]

21.Nc5 Nh4 3.81/24

[21...Nd7 2.52/21 was worth a try.]

[⌓21...Bxf3 2.01/16 22.Bxf3 c6]



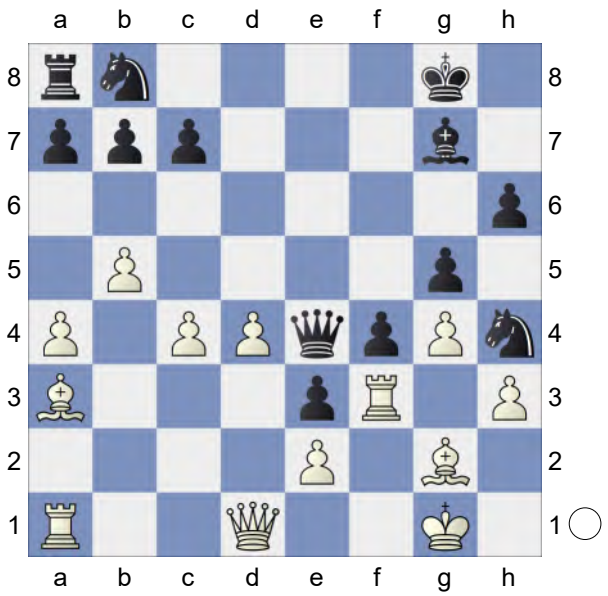
22.Nxe4 1.76/21

[⌓22.Rxe3!! 3.81/24 fxe3 23.Bxe4]

22...Qxe4 2.15/17

[22...Nxg2 1.66/17 was worth a try. 23.Qd3 *(23.Kxg2 Qxe4 24.Qb3 Nd7±)* 23...Nh4]

(Diagram)



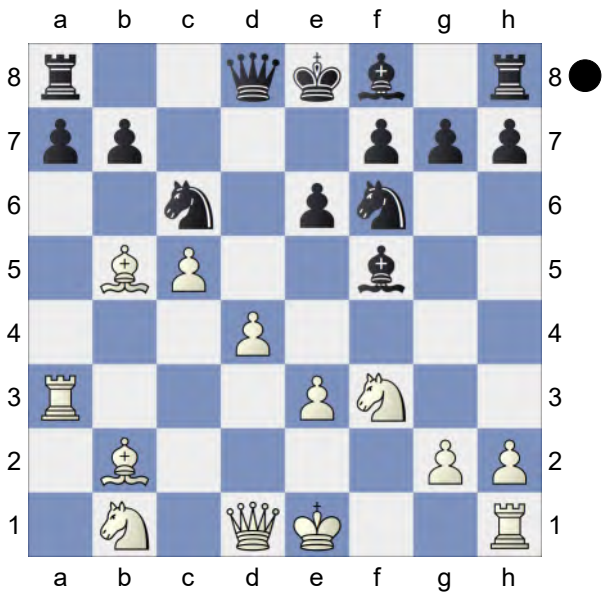
23.Bb2 0.63/24
[23.Bh1!± 1.59/21 is the precise move to win.]
23...c5 2.01/21
[23...Nd7± 0.63/24]
[23...Nxg2± 0.85/17 24.Kxg2 Nd7]
24.Qb3? -0.59/23
[24.Qb1+- 2.01/21 Qxb1+ 25.Rxb1 Nxg2 26.Kxg2]
24...Nd7∓ 25.Rd1 cxd4 ...Nc5 is the strong threat. ...Nc5 is the strong threat. 0x0.0020e918fee7dp-1022s more active pieces. **26.c5+! Kh8** Strongly threatening ...Rc8. Black has compensation. Black has strong compensation. **27.Qf7?** -6.60/20
[27.c6∓ -0.55/27 bxc6 28.bxc6 Qxc6 29.Bxd4 Bxd4 30.Rxd4]
[27.Bxd4!∓ -0.41/23 Bxd4 28.Qb4]
27...Ne5-+ Pin, Double Attack. Pair of Knights! **28.Qc7 Nexf3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=0.46
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.39
0-1

A09
□ **Li,Di** **2575**
■ **Ni Hua** **2668**
TCh-CHN DivA Rapid (10.1) 18.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 dxe3 5.fxe3 cxb4 6.Bb2 -0.35/19
[6.d4= 0.24/18]
6...Nf6∓ 7.d4 Bf5N
[7...g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bovay,J-Jachs,W Saint Petersburg 81/145 2019 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] ½-½ (40) Bf6 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) Kg4 38.Rf1 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]
8.a3 -0.82/19
[8.Bd3!= -0.15/19 remains equal. Bxd3 9.Qxd3]
8...e6!∓ 9.c5 bxa3 10.Bb5+ Nc6
[10...Nbd7 keeps more tension. 11.Nxa3 a6 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.Nc4 Be7]
11.Rxa3

(Diagram)

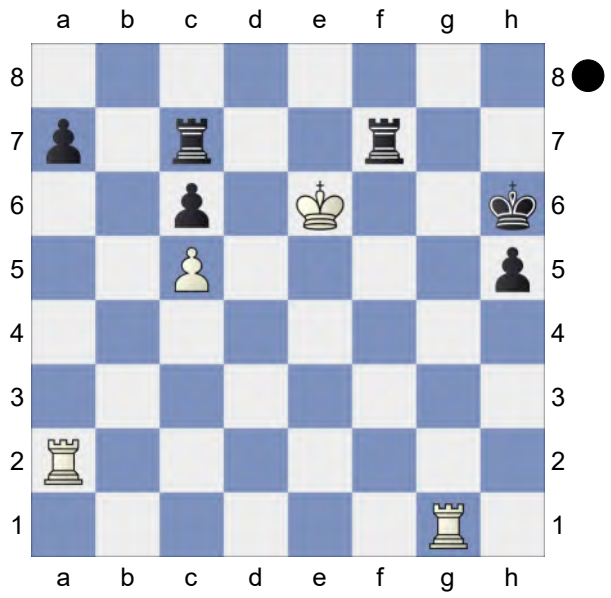
Bxc5! 12.dxc5 Qxd1+



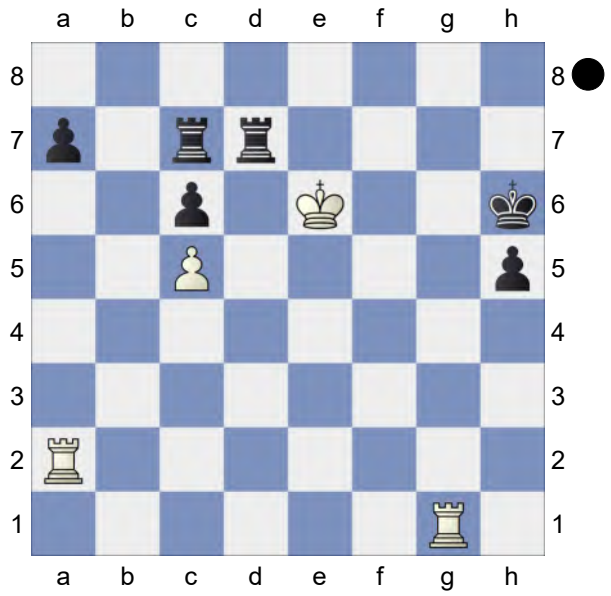
Remove Defender **13.Kxd1** Threatens to win with Nbd2. **13...Bxb1 14.Ke2 Be4** -0.30/19
[14...Bg6∓ -0.67/20]
15.Nd2!= Bg6 16.Rha1 0-0 17.Nc4 -0.97/18
[17.Bxf6∓ -0.43/20 gxf6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Rxa7]
17...Ne4∓ 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Be5 -1.66/18
[19.Ne5∓ -1.05/19]
19...f6-+
[Don't do 19...Nxc5 20.Bd6±]
20.Bd6 Rf7 21.Rb3 -2.29/19
[21.Ra6 -1.81/17 was necessary.]
21...Rd8 22.Ra6 Nxd6 -0.81/17
[22...Rfd7-+ -2.11/19 is more deadly. Strongly threatening ...e5. 23.Rxc6 e5]
23.Nxd6∓ Rc7 24.Rba3 Ra8 25.e4 h5 26.h4 e5! 27.Rb3 Rf8 -0.37/24
[Black should play 27...Bf7∓ -0.96/26 28.Rba3 Be6]
28.Rba3 -0.91/27
[28.Ke3!∓ -0.37/24]
28...Ra8! 29.Rb3 Kh7 30.Ke3 Kh6 31.Rb2 -0.94/21
[31.Rb4∓ -0.61/21 should be considered.]
31...Bh7 -0.09/21
[31...Bf7∓ -0.94/21 32.Nxf7+ Rxf7]
32.g3 -1.01/23
[32.Rb7!= -0.09/21 Rxb7 33.Nxb7]
32...g5 -0.13/22
[32...Bg8∓ -1.01/23 33.Ke2 Be6]
33.hxg5+ -1.18/21
[33.Rb7= -0.13/22 Rxb7 34.Nxb7]
33...Kxg5
[Not 33...fxg5 34.Rb7 Rxb7 35.Nxb7∓]
34.Kf3 Bg6 35.Rb4 -1.40/24
[⌓35.Rb7 -1.01/24 Rxb7 36.Nxb7]
35...Rh8 -0.91/22
[⌓35...Rf8 -1.40/24 36.Ke3 f5 37.exf5 Bxf5 38.Nxf5 Kxf5]
36.Ra1 -1.38/22
[⌓36.Rb1 -0.91/22]
36...Ra8 37.Ra6 f5 38.exf5 Bxf5 39.Nxf5 Kxf5 Endgame KRR-KRR
40.Rh4 Kg5 41.Ke4 Rd8 White must now prevent ...Rd1. **42.Rh1** Against Rd1
42...Rd2 -0.57/19
[42...Rd4+!∓ -1.42/19 43.Kxe5 Rd3]
43.Rf1? -2.16/20
[43.Rha1∓ -0.57/19]
43...Re2+-+ 44.Kd3 Rg2 45.Ke4 Rxg3? -0.11/17
[45...Re2+!-+ -1.64/18 46.Kd3 Rg2]
46.Kxe5= Rd3 47.Rg1+ Kh6 48.Kf6! Rf3+ 49.Ke6 Rff7 50.Ra2? -2.77/23
[50.Rxc6= 0.00/25 and White is okay. Rxc6+ 51.Kxf7]

(Diagram)

50...Rg7!-+ 51.Kd6? -4.14/22
[51.Rf1 -2.50/16]
51...Rgd7+? -0.64/17
[51...Rxg1-+ -4.14/22 52.Kxc7 Rg6]
52.Ke6? -2.63/17



[52.Ke5!∓ -0.64/17]



52...h4? 0.00/42

[52...Rg7!-+ -2.63/17 53.Rxg7 Rxg7]

53.Ra4= The position is equal. **53...Re7+ 54.Kd6 Red7+ 55.Ke6 Re7+ 56.Kd6 Red7+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.36

½-½

A09

□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram V R 2606**

■ **Sadhwani,Raunak 2619**

MPL Indian Chess Tour #2 rapid (9.5)

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.exd4N

[5.Bb2 dxe3 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bf6 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 Bovay,J-Jachs,W Saint Petersburg 81/145 2019 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] ½-½ (40) 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kg4 38.Rf1 Kg5 39.Rfc1 Kg4 40.Rf1 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

5...cxd4 6.Bb2 e5 7.Nxe5 Bd6 0.24/20

[7...Bxb4∓ -0.37/19 8.Qa4+ Nfd7]

8.Nf3= White has an edge. **8...0-0** Threatens to win with ...Re8+. **9.Bxd4 Nc6 10.Be3 Nxb4** Strongly threatening ...Bf5. **11.a3 Nc6 12.Be2 Re8** 0.83/22

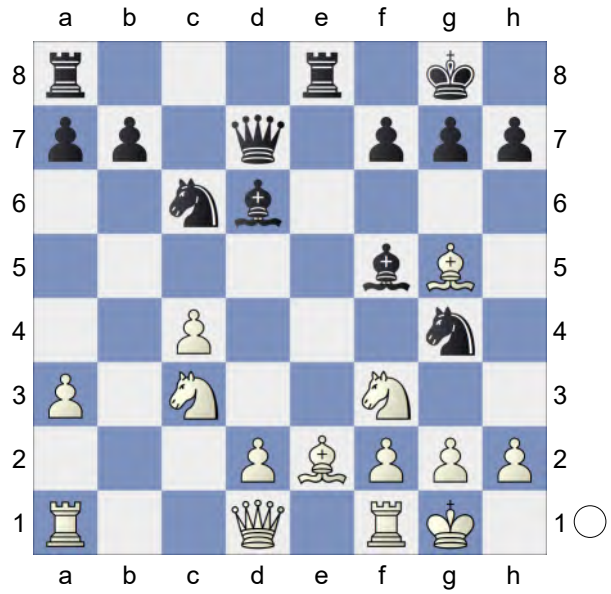
[12...Ng4!± 0.38/17]

13.Nc3 Bf5 14.0-0 Ng4 15.Bg5 0.57/20

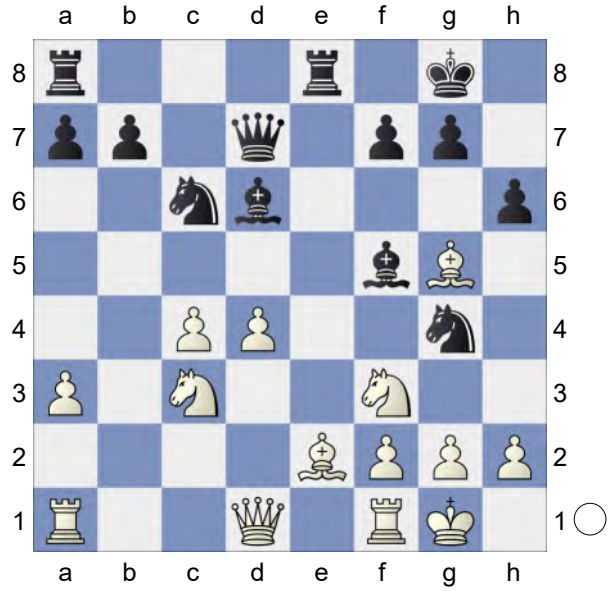
[15.h3!± 0.97/18 Nxe3 16.dxe3]

15...Qd7 1.44/16

[15...Qb8± 0.57/20]



16.d4!± h6 1.78/17
[16...f6± 1.42/18]



17.Bh4!+- g5 18.Bg3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Nf6 20.d5 Ne5 2.67/19
[⌓20...Na5 1.87/17 21.Qd4 Qd8]
21.Qd4 Nfg4 3.50/18
[21...Qe7 2.44/17 was worth a try. 22.Rfe1 Nfd7]
22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.c5 a6 24.Rfe1 Rac8 25.Bf1 Qc7 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Nd7 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rc1 b6? 6.35/18
[29...Rd8 3.65/17 30.Qe3 Nf6]
30.c6 White is clearly winning. **30...Nc5 31.Qf6 Ne4 32.Qxh6 Qe7 33.c7** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.41
1-0

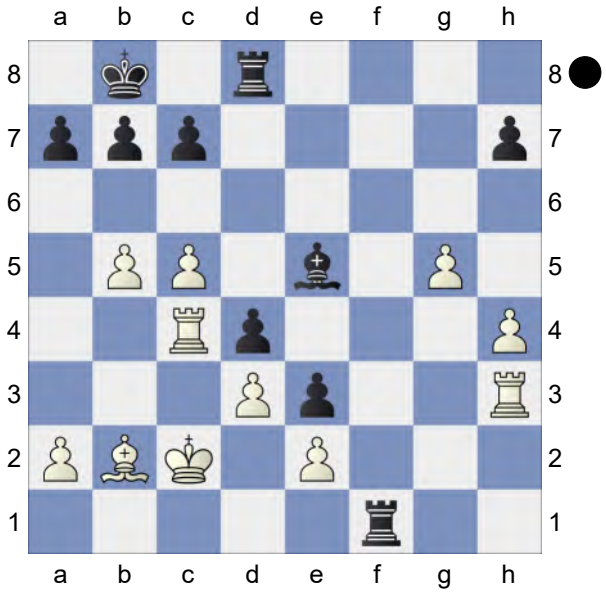
A09
□ **Howell,D** **2663**
■ **Navara,D** **2719**
MrDodgy Invitational 2020 blitz (1.9)
[David Cummings]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5!? A sharp and interesting alternative to the mainline 3...f6, and other moves such as 3...Bg4, 3...c5 and 3...g6, which are all covered in the Archives. It is a good weapon for the well-prepared blitz player, since as we will see, some unusual tactics can occur. **4.Qb3** This move is new to this site, although it is Demuth's recommendation in his Reti repertoire tome. Other lines that can be found in the PGN Archives are:
[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 which is the subject of Duda-Bartel]
[4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 is analyzed in Bocharov-Morozevich]
[4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81)]

4...Bg7 The first point to note is that:
[4...g4? allows 5.Nxd4! because of Qxd4 6.Bb2 etc.]
5.Nxg5 e5!N
[5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]
6.d3N -0.44/19 This is already a novelty in this little explored position. Alternatively:
[6.Qg3!?= -0.28/22 is critical. Since Demuth's book was published, this has been played in a couple of games. 6.Nh3 0.20 is critical. Since Demuth's book was published, this has been played in a couple of games.
A) 6...Ne7 and White can choose:. aiming for ...Nf5. and White can choose:. Threatens to win with ... Nf5.
A1) 7.d3 -0.76/24 7.Ne6 -0.23 7. Ne4 0.10
A1a) 7...0-0! (not fearing ghosts) looks good for Black, for example 8.Qh4 h6 9.Nf3 -0.79/20 *(9.Ne4= -0.30/18)* 9...Qd6 and Black's lead in development is worth more than a pawn;
A1b) 7...0-0!∓ -0.76/24;
A1c) 7...Nbc6 -0.32/23 8.a3 Bf5? 0.95/22 Against Ne6 *(8...0-0!=* -0.14/19 is still best keeps the balance.*; 8...0-0=* -0.29/22 remains equal.*)* 9.Ne6± Bxe6 10.Qxg7 and at this point White is well on top having removed the strong g7-bishop, Dardha,D (2449)-Maurizzi,M (2433) Europe Echecs INT 2020 0-1 (53);
A2) 7.Ne4 Ng6 8.h4 Threatens to win with h5. Strongly threatening h5. f5 leading to a very unclear position, is Demuth's mainline;
B) 6...Qe7 Prevents Ne6. 7.b5 Against Nc6 Inhibits Nc6. Nh6! 8.Ne4 f5! is another sharp line, for example 9.Ba3 Qf7 10.Ng5 Qf6 11.e4 -0.63/24 *(11.f4=* -0.14/22 *)*
B1) 11...Ng4∓ -0.63/24 12.exf5 *(12.Nh3 fxe4)* 12...Qxg5;
B2) 11...dxe3 0.05/24 12.fxe3 *(12.Be2!? exf2+ 13.Kf1=)* 12...f4! 13.Qh4 And now Nc3 would win. Nf7 14.Nf3 Qxh4+ 15.Nxh4 with roughly balanced chances, Gual Pascual,A (2362)-Trepat Herranz,J (2363) Barcelona 2019 0-1 (39)]
[6.Ne4?! -0.40/21 6.Nh3 0.02 loses time. After 6.Qg3 0.02 loses time. After f5 7.Ng3 -0.92/24 *(7.Nc5!∓* -0.46/22 *)* 7...Nf6∓ ...f4 is the strong threat. Against Nh5 8.d3 -1.43/23 *(*Better is *⩲8.e4* -0.77/20 *)* 8...0-0 Black has great play for the pawn, Di Benedetto,D (2137)-Kollars,D (2505) Rome 2016 0-1 (40)]
[6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 19.Nf4 Bxc3 20.dxc3 d2 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
6...Bh6!∓ Spotting an unusual tactical

point - since the c1-bishop is unprotected, the g5-knight is pinned. **7.f4** The only move, but likely not what White was hoping for from the opening.
[7.h4? -1.45/22 7.f4 -0.30 7.f4 -0.39 f6 wins material.]
7...exf4 8.h4 -0.92/21 White could maintain an approximate balance with the retreat:
[8.Nf3!∓ -0.34/16 for example should be considered. a5 next ...axb4 is good for Black. 9.b5! Bg4 Hoping for ...Bxf3. ...Bxf3 is the strong threat. 10.Nbd2! Nd7 With the idea ...Ne7. 11.Qb2 Bg7 with a weird looking position!]
[8.Nf3!∓ -0.40/21]
8...Nc6 -0.45/22
[But not Resist 8...Bxg5 9.hxg5 Qxg5 10.Qb2±]
[8...Qe7!∓ -0.92/21]
9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 -1.10/24
[Much weaker is But not 10.Bxf4 f6 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Bxh6 Nxh6=]
[10.Nd2∓ -0.67/20]
10...Be6?! 0.32/19 Returning the favour. Instead:
[10...Nd5!∓ -1.29/17 leaves White in trouble since White must now prevent ...Bg7. 11.Bxf4 -2.57/21 *(11.Nf3* -2.11/23 11.Nd2 -1.16 11.Nd2 -1.18 *Ne3* is equally painful*;* *11.Nd2∓* -1.07/23*;* *11.g3∓* -1.20/20 keeps fighting.*;* *11.Bb2 Bg7)* 11...f6 again exploits the pin on the h6-c1 diagonal]
[Black should try 10...Nd5!∓ -1.10/24 White must now prevent ...Bg7. 11.g4 Bg7]
11.Nxe6± fxe6 12.Qxe6 Strongly threatening Qe5. **12...Qd5** Against Qe5 Inhibits Qe5. **13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3↑** White has emerged with a fine position. The rest of the game sees many ups and downs. As this was a blitz game, I will give only light notes and not point everything that the computer sees. White fights for an advantage. **14...0-0-0** 0.78/19
[14...Ngf6 can be answered by 15.g3 now exploiting the pin in the other direction!]
[14...Bf8= 0.26/22]
15.Nc2±
[15.Nc4!?]
15...Ne3 0.74/22
[15...Bg7± 0.37/20 is more appropriate. might be stronger.]
16.Nxe3± fxe3 17.g4! Black's central pawns look imposing, but White can work around them, and is meanwhile a clean pawn up with the two bishops.
17...Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 1.63/5
[18...Ne7± 0.91/22]
[⌓18...Be5 0.91/18]
19.Kd1+- Nf6 2.25/22
[⌓19...Ne7 1.63/22 20.Bg2 h6]
[19...Be5± 1.30/17 20.c6 b6]
20.g5+- Nh5 21.Rc1 Hoping for Bh3+.
21...Rhf8 2.08/22
[21...Kb8 1.66/18 might work better.]
22.Rc4 1.00/24 More convincing was:
[22.Bh3++- 2.08/22 and the rest is easy. Kb8 23.Bg4 Nf4 2.89/17 *(⌓23...Ng7* 1.81/21 *24.c6 b6)* 24.Rc4 and White starts to dismantle Black's central pawns.]
[22.Bh3++- 2.27/24 and the rest is easy. Kb8 23.Bg4]
22...Be5± 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1? -1.89/28 This move loses the game for White.
[24.Bg4! maintains a large advantage.]
[24.Bg4!± 0.97/25 and life is bright.

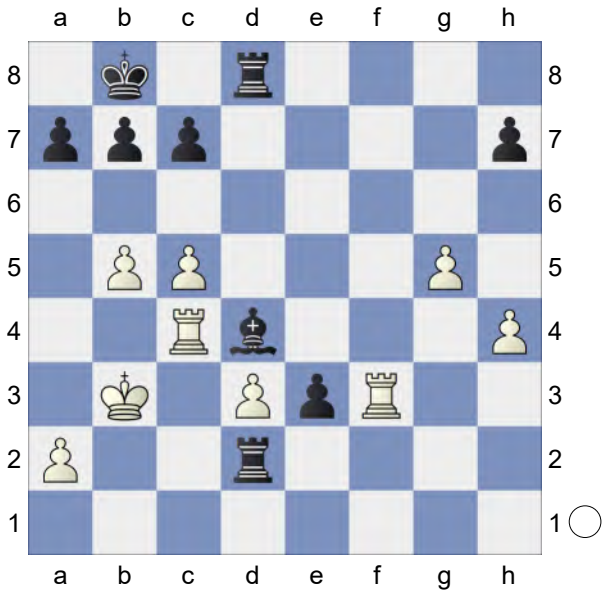
keeps the upper hand. Ng3 25.Rg1]
24...Nf4!-+ Suddenly White's position collapses. Suddenly White's position collapses. White is now going downhill.
25.Rh1 -2.53/22 Or:
[25.Bg4? -5.16/23 25.Kc2 -1.59 25.Kc2 -1.21 Nxd3! 26.Rxf8 Nxb2+ 27.Kc2 Rxf8 28.Kxb2 d3+ and the d-pawn can only be stopped at the cost of a rook.]
[25.Kc2∓ -1.57/23 Nxh3 26.Rxf8 Rxf8 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4]
25...Nxh3 Deflection
[25...Nxe2 was equally effective.]
26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2



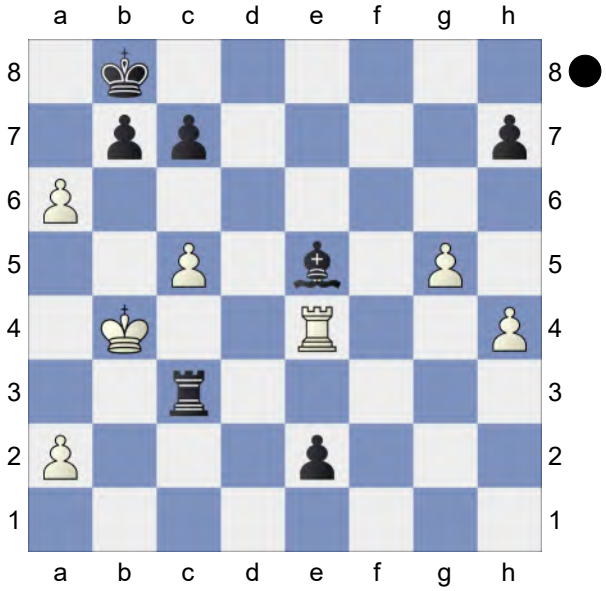
Re1! After the e2-pawn falls, White is faced with a hopeless task and Navara wins convincingly from here. **28.Rf3?** -3.61/21
[28.Kb3∓ -2.00/21 Rxe2 29.Rh1]
28...Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 And now Bxd4! would win. aiming for Bxd4! **29...Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+**
[Resist Don't play 30...Bxd4

(Diagram)

31.Rxd4! Kc8 32.Rxd8+ Kxd8



33.Rxe3+-]
31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Black is winning. **33...Rxc3+** Endgame KRB-KR **34.Kb4 a5+** Avoiding any back-rank disasters. **35.bxa6**

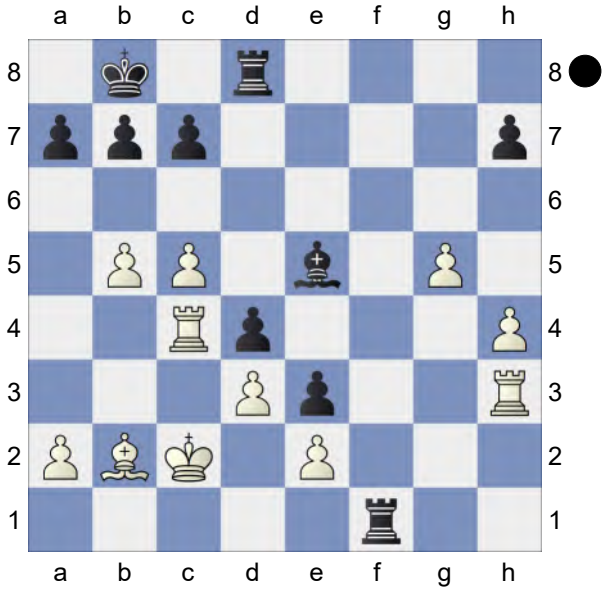


Rc1! 36.Rxe2 Bd4 37.Re8+ Ka7 38.axb7 Kxb7 39.Kb3 Rc3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.26 (precise)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

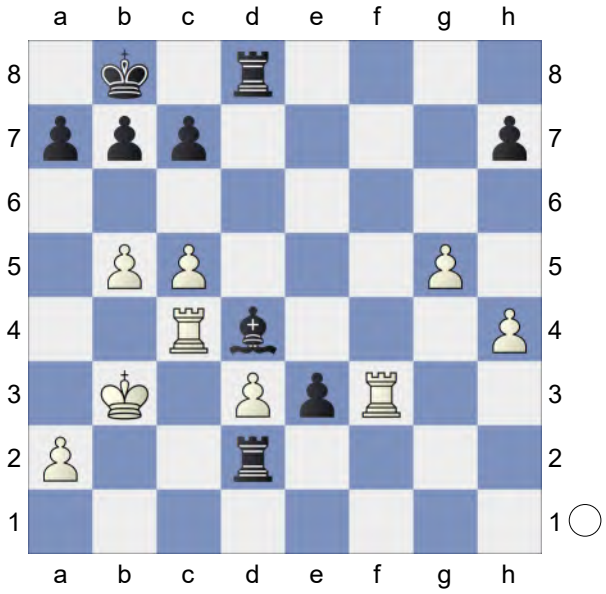
A09
□ **Trkaljanov,Vladimir** **2663**
■ **Ciocaltea,Victor** **2719**
Candidates FIDE sf1 (1.9) 12.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) **1...d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3**
[4.h3 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81)]
4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): 'N'
[5...h6 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]
6.d3N -0.37/18
[6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 19.Nf4 Bxc3 20.dxc3 d2 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
[6.Qg3± 0.31/18 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)]
6...Bh6 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '∓!'
7.f4 exf4 8.h4 -0.82/20
[8.Nf3!∓ -0.41/20 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' ∓' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' is superior.']
8...Nc6 -0.43/21
[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' But not' 8...Bxg5 9.hxg5 Qxg5 10.Qb2± Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '±']
[8...Qe7∓ -0.82/20]
9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 -1.26/18
[But not 10.Bxf4 f6 11.Nh3 Bxh3 12.Bxh6 Nxh6=]
[10.Nd2∓ -0.60/16 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)]
10...Be6 0.33/20 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '?'
[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Black should play' 10...Nd5!∓ -1.11/19 Threatens to win with ...Ngf6. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' White must now prevent ...Bg7.' 11.g4 *(11.Bb2* Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s) *Bg7)* 11...fxg3]
11.Nxe6± fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 Inhibits Qe5. **13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3↑** White has some pressure. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' White has the initiative.' **14...0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3** 0.82/24
[15...Bg7± 0.39/21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): '±']
16.Nxe3± fxe3 17.g4! Bf4 1.32/19
[⌓17...Bf8 0.75/17 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)]
18.Bb2 0.98/18
[⌓18.Bg2 1.32/19 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)]
18...Bg3+ 1.29/5
[⌓18...Ne7 0.83/22]
[Better is 18...Be5 0.98/18 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s)]
19.Kd1 Nf6 2.76/24
[⌓19...Ne7 1.63/22 20.Bg2 h6]
[19...Be5± 1.59/18 Tactical Analysis 5.

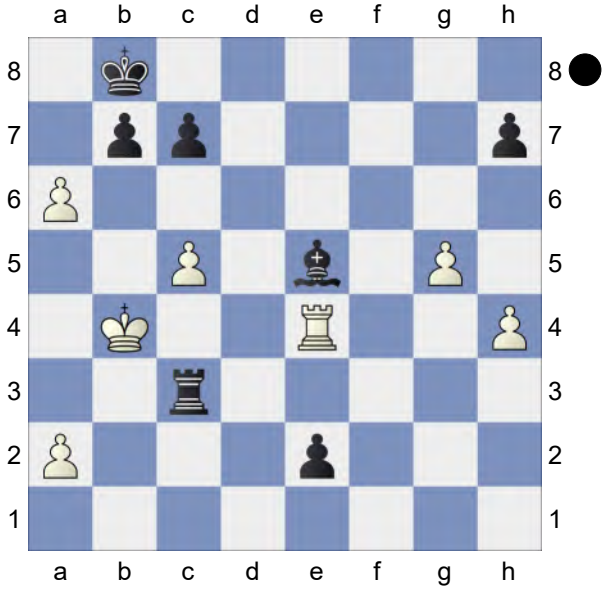
2 (4s) 20.c6 b6]
20.g5+- Nh5 21.Rc1 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' aiming for Rc4.' **21...Rhf8 22.Rc4** 0.79/23
[22.Bh3++- 2.10/26 is the precise move to win. Kb8 23.Bg4]
22...Be5± 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1? -1.87/28 Loses the game.
[24.Bg4!± 0.86/23 stays on course. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' and life is bright.' Ng3 25.Rg1]
24...Nf4-+ 25.Rh1 -2.48/24
[⌓25.Kc2 -1.79/24 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' ∓' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' might work better.' Nxh3 26.Rxf8 Rxf8 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4]
25...Nxh3 Remove Defender, Deflection **26.Rxh3** Rf3 is the strong threat. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Strongly threatening Rf3.' **26...Rf1+ 27.Kc2**



Re1! 28.Rf3? -3.61/21 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Loses the game.'
[28.Kb3 -1.80/22 is a better defense. Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' ∓' Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' was the only chance.' Rxe2 29.Rh1]
28...Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Bxd4! is the strong threat.'
29...Rd2 Hoping for ...e2. **30.Bxd4 Rxd3+**
[Don't take Tactical Analysis 5.2 (4s): ' Don't play' 30...Bxd4



31.Rxd4! Kc8 32.Rxd8+ Kxd8 33.Rxe3+-]
31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ Endgame KRB-KR **34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6**



Rc1! 36.Rxe2 Bd4 37.Re8+ Ka7 38.axb7 Kxb7 39.Kb3 Rc3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.23 (precise) Tactical Analysis 5.

2 (4s): '
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.22 (precise) '
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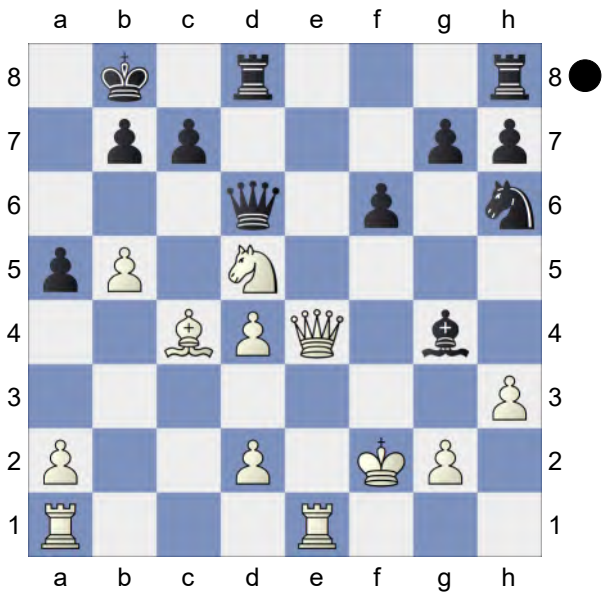
A09
□ **Jones,Gawain C B** **2620**
■ **Terry,Renato** **2521**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 dxe3 0.42/16
[5...a5= -0.18/17]
6.fxe3±
[6.dxe3 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 a5 8.bxa5 *(8.Bb5+? c6∓)* 8...Bxc5∓]
6...a5N
[6...Be6 7.d4 *(7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 Nh6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Bb3 Qd7 11.Nc3 Na6 12.a3 Nc7 13.d4 0-0-0 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Bxe6+ Nxe6 16.Nxd1 fxe5 17.Nc3 Rd3 18.Ne4 Ng4 19.Re1 Rhd8 20.h3 Nf6 21.Nf2 Rb3* Kruglov (2600)-Hantel,T (2785) Larisa 2007 ZUS C87 [Bennett,William] ½-½ (39) *)* 7...Ne7 8.Nc3 Nbc6 9.Bb5 a6 10.Ba4 Bc4 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Nxd1 0-0-0 13.exf6 gxf6 14.a3 Rg8 15.g3 Ng6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Bb2 ½-½ (17) Cross (2345)-Guerra,J (2562) Dortmund 2015 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]
[6...Bg4 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.b5 Nb4 9.Qb3 Bxc5 10.Bc4 e4 11.Ng5 fxg5 12.Bxg7 Ne7 13.0-0 Kd7 14.Nc3 Bf5 15.Bf6 Bg6 16.Be6+ Kd6 17.Bf7 Bxf7 18.Nxe4+ Kd7 19.Nxc5+ Ke8 20.Qxb4 Rg8 21.Nxb7 Chapter A00-Games Game 6 (39)]
7.Qa4+ Nc6 0.76/18
[7...Bd7= 0.30/18 was preferrable. 8.b5 Bxc5]
8.b5 -0.31/18
[8.a3± 0.76/18]
8...Nb4∓ 9.Bc4 -0.77/18
[9.d4∓ -0.41/18 should be considered.]
9...Nd3+∓ 10.Ke2 -1.29/18
[⌓10.Bxd3 -0.79/18 Qxd3 11.Ba3]
10...Nxc5 11.Qc2 e4 -0.57/16
[11...Nh6∓ -1.48/18 Threatens to win with ...Bf5. 12.Nc3 Bg4]
12.Nd4∓ Prevents Bf5. **12...Bg4+ 13.Kf2 Bd6** -0.07/19
[Black should try 13...Qe7∓ -0.70/19]
14.Ba3= Qe7 15.Bxc5 -0.96/15
[15.Nc3= 0.04/18 keeps the balance.]
15...Bxc5∓ 16.Nc3 -1.38/17
[Better is 16.Nb3 -0.86/20 Bb6 17.Nc3]
16...Bxd4 17.exd4 0-0-0 18.Nd5 Qd6↑ White must now prevent ...Ne7. Black has strong initiative.
[18...Qe6?! 19.Rac1= *(19.Ne3 Qd6=)*]
19.Qxe4 -1.27/21
[⌓19.Rhc1 -0.94/21]
19...Nh6 20.Rhe1 Kb8
[20...Qxh2 21.Rh1 Qd6 22.Rxh6! gxh6 23.Qxg4+ Kb8 24.Rh1±]
21.h3 -1.99/21
[21.Rac1∓ -1.09/17 was necessary.]

(Diagram)

21...Bc8 -1.11/20
[21...Bh5!-+ -1.99/21 Strongly threatening ...Bf7. 22.Rac1 Bf7]
22.Rac1 Nf5 23.Kg1 Bd7 -0.57/17
[23...h5∓ -1.35/18 24.Qd3 b6]



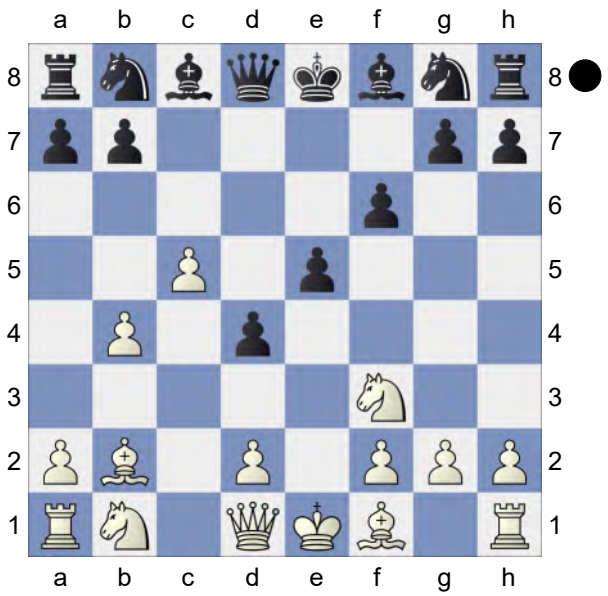
24.Bb3? -2.77/22 This move loses the game for White.
[24.Nxc7!∓ -0.57/17 Nxd4 25.Bd3]
24...Rhe8-+ 25.Qd3 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Be6 -1.35/20
[26...g6-+ -2.80/20 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...Be6. 27.Qc3 a4]
27.Nxc7 -2.42/18
[27.Rxe6∓ -1.35/20 Qxe6 28.Ne3 Nxd4 29.Bxe6 Nf3+ 30.Kf2 Rxd3 31.Kxf3]
27...Bxb3
[27...Kxc7 28.Qc3+ Kb8 29.Bxe6 Nxd4 30.Bc4∓]
[27...Qxc7 28.Rxe6 *(28.Bxe6 Nxd4 29.Bb3 Qb6∓)* 28...Nxd4 29.Re4∓]
28.axb3 Ne6 is the strong threat.
28...Nxd4
[Inferior is 28...Kxc7 29.Qxf5 Qxd4+ 30.Kh1=]
[And not 28...Qxd4+ 29.Qxd4 Nxd4 30.b6∓]
29.Rc1 -4.26/20
[29.Ne8 -2.10/17 Qc5 30.Kh1]
29...Qb6 30.Kh1 Ne6 31.Na6+
[But not 31.Nd5 Qd6 32.Re1 Nc5-+]
31...bxa6 Black is clearly winning.
32.Qg3+ Qd6 33.Qe3 axb5 34.b4 a4 35.Qe2 Nd4 36.Qd3 Rc8 37.Rxc8+ Kxc8 38.Qxh7 Qd7 39.Qg8+ Kb7 40.h4 Ne6 41.Kg1 a3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2569**
■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2701**
Chess.com Rapid Wk8 Swiss (1) 2.4.22
[Kitty Kat]

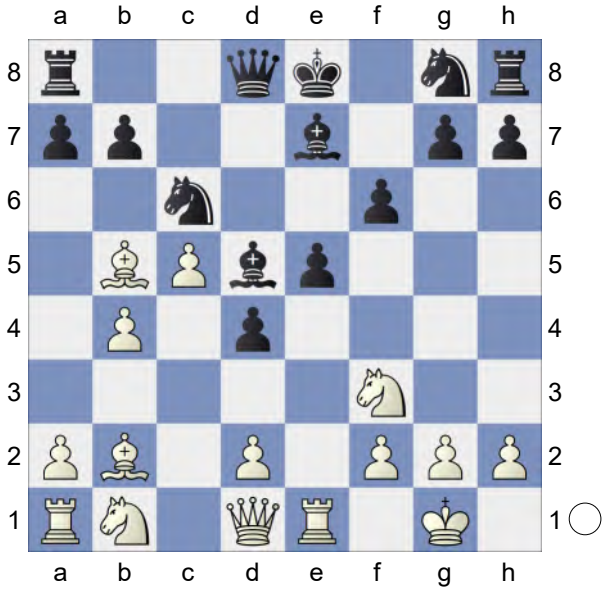
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 f6
[4...Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
5.e3 e5 6.exd4 -0.57/18
[Much worse is 6.Nxe5 fxe5 7.Qh5+ Ke7 8.Qxe5+ Kf7 9.bxc5 *(9.exd4 cxb4 10.c5 Be6∓)* 9...Nc6 10.Qf4+ Qf6 11.Qxf6+ Nxf6 12.exd4 Bf5∓]
[6.bxc5= -0.09/19 might be stronger. Nc6 7.exd4 exd4 8.Ba3 *(8.Qe2+ Kf7∓)*]
6...cxd4∓ 7.c5N
[7.a3 Nh6 8.Bd3 a5 9.0-0 axb4 10.Re1 Nc6 11.Be4 Nf7 12.Qe2 Bc5 13.Bd5 Kf8 14.d3 A 09/03]

(Diagram)

7...Be6 -0.06/18 Prevents Qb3.
[7...a5!∓ -0.78/17 8.a3 Be6 9.Bb5+



Nc6]
8.Bb5+= The position is equal. **8...Nc6** White must now prevent ...a5. **9.0-0! Be7 10.Re1** aiming for Nxd4! **10...Bd5** 0.31/21
[10...Bf7= -0.01/19]



11.d3 -0.29/23
[11.Bxd4!± 0.31/21 exd4 12.Nxd4]
11...Nh6 12.Nbd2 a5 13.bxa5 -0.66/16
[13.a3 -0.33/20 was preferrable.]
13...0-0!↑ Black has good play.
[Don't play 13...Bxc5 14.Rc1 Be7 15.a6±]
14.Bc4 Kh8 -0.09/21
[Better is 14...Bxc5∓ -0.69/18 15.a6 Rf7]
15.Bxd5 -0.66/17
[15.a6!= -0.09/21]
15...Qxd5 16.Nb3 Bxc5 17.Bc1 Nf5 18.Bd2 -1.56/19
[White should play 18.Nxc5 -1.11/20 Qxc5 19.Bd2]
18...Bd6 19.Rc1 Nb4 20.Bxb4 Bxb4 21.Re2 Nd6 ...Nb5 is the strong threat. **22.a4** Prevents Nb5. **22...Bc3 23.h3 Rfc8** &Nero is more active. **24.Nfd2 Qc6 25.Nb1** -2.17/19
[25.Ne4∓ -1.57/16]
25...Qxa4-+ 26.Nxc3 dxc3 27.Ra1 Qb4 28.Qb1 Nb5 29.Rc2 -4.65/21
[⌓29.Re4 -3.16/20 Qd6 30.Rc4]
29...Na3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Chigaev,M** **2632**
■ **Jobava,Ba** **2578**
Titled Tue 8th Nov Late blitz (5) 08.11.22
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 f6N
[4...g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.d3 Nh6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.exd4 cxd4 9.g3 e5 10.Bg2 a5 11.b5 a4 12.Ba3 Re8 13.0-0 f5 14.Ne1 Nd7 15.Rc1 Nf7 16.Nc2 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Nb4 Nc5 19.Re1 Chapter Chapter 3-Game 18 Game - 18 (65) Qd6 20.Rb1 Bd7 21.Bd5 Rad8 22.a3 Bc8 23.Rb2 Re7 24.Nf3 Nh6 25.Rbe2 Rde8 26.Qd2 Kg7 27.Qb2 Ng4 28.Qb1 Nf6

29.Kg2 h6 30.Qd1 g5 31.h3 Nh7 32.Kh2 h5 33.h4 g4 34.Nd2 Verlinsky,B-Rubinstein,A Moscow 1925 1-0 (65)]

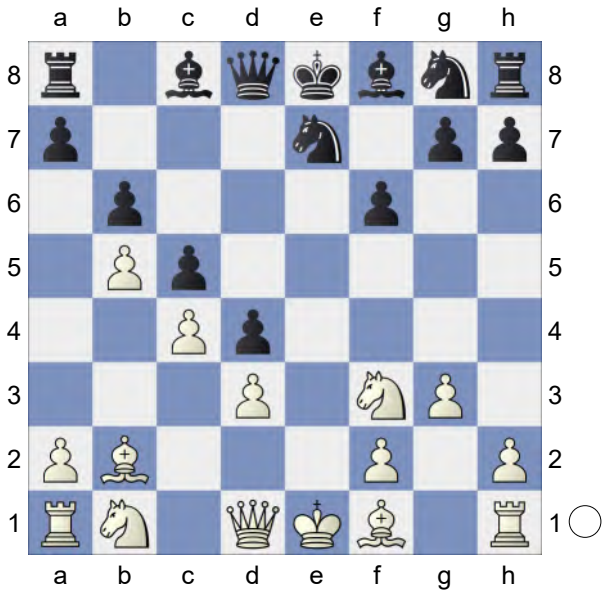
[4...Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel, Alexander] 0-1*)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½]

5.d3 e5 6.e3 Nc6

[Don't take 6...cxb4 7.exd4 exd4 8.Nxd4±]

7.b5 Nce7 8.exd4 The position is equal. **8...exd4 9.g3 b6** 1.16/18

[9...g5= -0.18/19 keeps the balance.]



10.Bg2!± Strongly threatening Nxd4!

10...Bb7 11.0-0 Qd7 12.Re1 Nh6 1.99/18

[12...a5± 1.26/17]

13.a4 Kf7 2.80/20

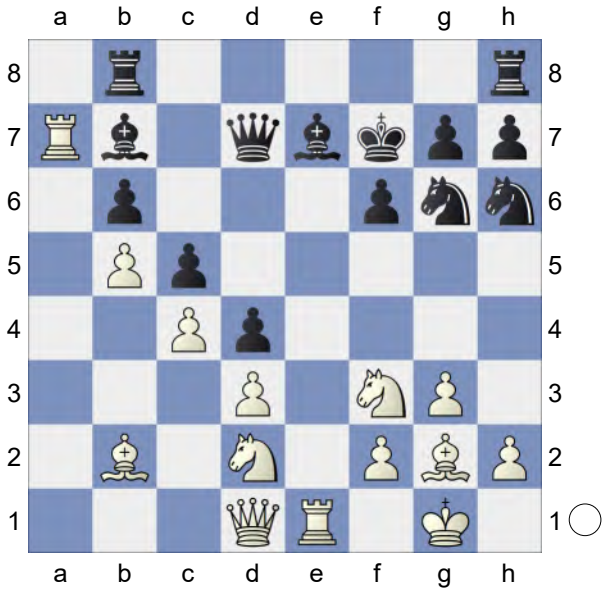
[13...a5 1.90/16 was necessary. 14.bxa6 Rxa6]

14.a5 Rb8 15.Nbd2 Ng6 3.66/17

[⌓15...Kg8 2.20/15 16.Qe2 Nf7]

16.axb6+- axb6 17.Ra7 Be7 4.10/16

[⌓17...Kg8 2.66/17 18.Qe2 Nf7]



18.h4 2.32/18

[⌓18.Ng5+! 4.10/16 fxg5 19.Bxb7]

18...Rhc8 3.75/19

[⌓18...Bxf3 2.32/18 19.Rxd7 Bxd1]

19.h5 Nf8 20.Ne4

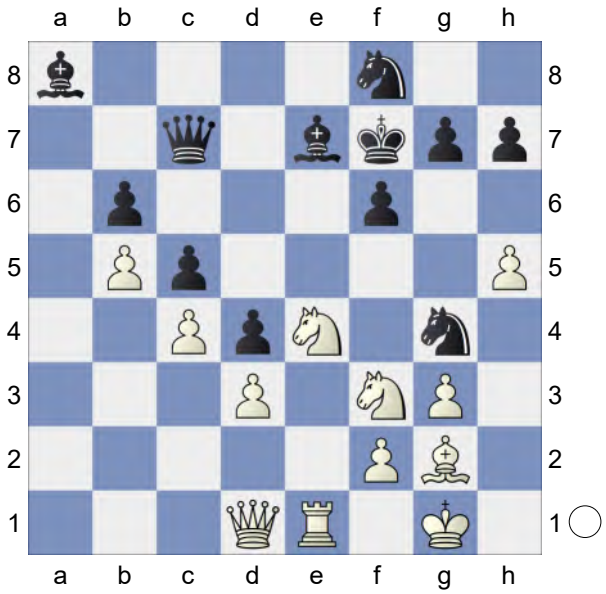
[Weaker is 20.Qe2 Rc7±]

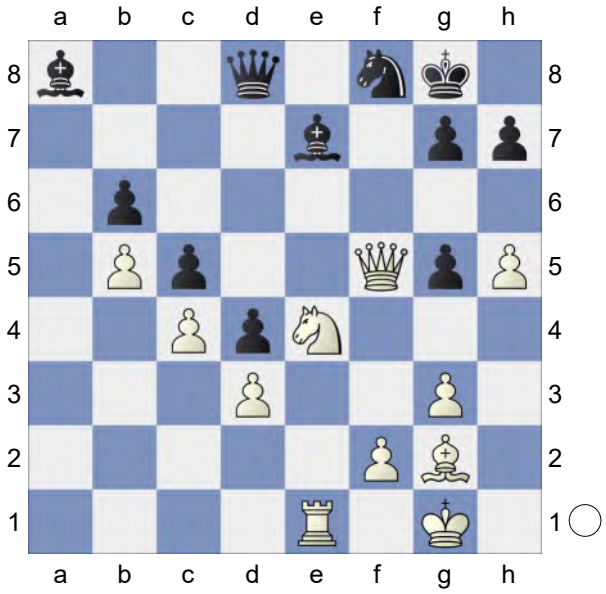
20...Rc7 21.Bc1 Ng4 22.Bf4 White is clearly winning. **22...Ra8 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.Bxc7 Qxc7**

(Diagram)

25.Nfg5+! fxg5 26.Qxg4 Qd8 27.Qf5+ Kg8

(Diagram)





28.Nxg5! Bxg5
[28...Bf6 29.Bxa8]
29.Bxa8 Deflection **29...Qxa8 30.Qxg5** KQR-KQN **30...h6 31.Qd5+ Qxd5 32.cxd5 Kf7 33.d6 Kf6 34.Kg2 Nd7 35.Re7** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.64
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A09
□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag 2554**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei 2572**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 e6N
[4...Bxf3 5.exf3 e5 *(5...e6 6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1* Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1 *Re8 21.Bh3 Bd6 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Bxf5 Ne6 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Rxe6 Kh8 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.gxf4 Nd6 28.Rxd6 Qg4+* ½-½ (28) Cruzado Duenas,C (2569)-Talpak,T (2468) ICCF 2016 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Bellmann,Herbert]*)* 6.b5 *(6.Bg2 Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.b5 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Bg2 Ngf6 12.d3 Qe7+ 13.Kf1 Nc5 14.Bc6+ Kf8 15.Ra2 Nfd7 16.gxf4 Qf6 17.Nd2 Qxf4 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.h4 h5 20.Bg5 Ne5* Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) Tbilisi 2017 CBM 181 [Marin,Mihail] 1-0 (50)*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Re1+ Kf8 11.Bb2 fxg3 12.hxg3 h5 13.Bxd4 h4 14.Qf3 Nh5 15.Nc3 hxg3 16.fxg3 Nxg3 17.c5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 Nh5 19.Nd5 Christiansen,J-Navara,D 6: European Cup, Antalya 2017 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins] 0-1 (39)]
[4...f6 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Nd7 7.Qb3 a5 8.e3 dxe3 9.fxe3 axb4 10.d4 Be6 11.Bb2 Nh6 12.dxe5 fxe5 13.Nbd2 Nf7 14.Nd4 exd4 15.exd4 Nde5 16.Rae1 Bc5 17.Qe3 Rxa2 18.dxc5 Rxb2 19.Rxf7 Carlsen,M

(2835)-Giri,A (2783) St Petersburg 2018 CBM 187 Extra [Nielsen,Peter Heine] 1-0]

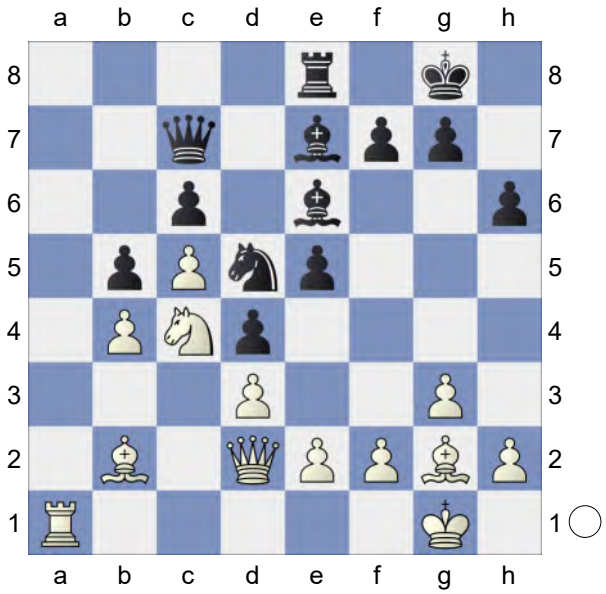
5.Ne5 Bf5 6.Bg2 Nd7 7.Qa4 0.09/20
[7.f4± 0.44/21]

7...c6= 8.Nxd7 The position is equal.

8...Qxd7 9.Bb2 Nf6 10.0-0 -0.82/18
[10.c5= -0.05/19 keeps the balance.]

10...Be7 -0.31/16
[10...h5∓ -0.82/18]

11.d3∓ 0-0 12.Nd2 e5 13.Qb3 a5 14.a3 Rfe8 15.c5 Be6 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Qc2 axb4 18.axb4 Nd5 19.Qd2 h6 20.Rfb1 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 b5



aiming for ...Bg5. **22.cxb6 Nxb6**

23.Na5 -1.25/20
[23.e3∓ -0.38/19]

23...Bd5 -0.37/20
[Black should try 23...Nd5∓ -1.25/20 24.Qc1 Rc8]

24.Rc1 -1.08/20
[24.Qc2∓ -0.37/20]

24...Bxg2∓
[24...Bg5 is interesting. 25.e3 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5]

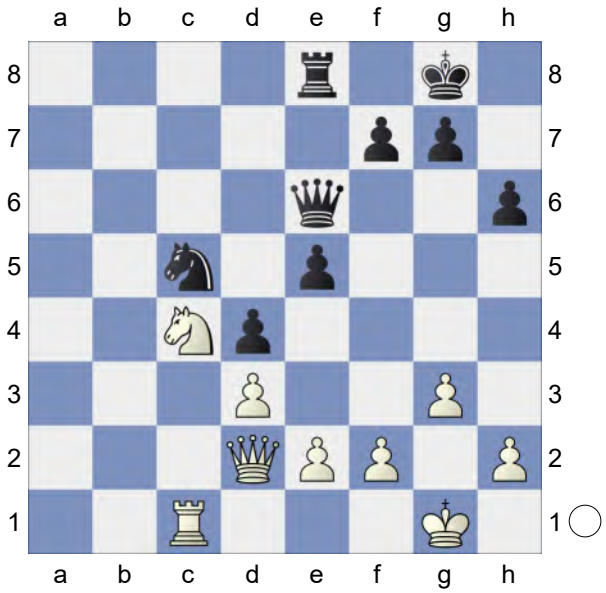
25.Kxg2 c5 -0.22/18
[25...Bg5∓ -1.00/18 26.e3 Nd5]

26.bxc5= Na4 27.Ba3 -0.31/18
[27.Ra1= 0.07/18 Nxc5 28.Kg1]

27...Bxc5 0.40/23
[27...Nc3∓ -0.31/18 28.Nc4 Qc6+ 29.Kg1 Bxc5 30.Bxc5 Qxc5]

28.Bxc5 0.07/17
[28.Rc4± 0.40/23 is superior. Qd6 29.Rxa4 Bxa3 30.f3]

28...Nxc5 29.Kg1 Qb6 30.Nc4 Qe6



And now ...Nb3 would win. **31.Qb4** Prevents Nb3. **31...Nd7 32.Nd6** 0.01/23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise) . Loss on time!?
[32.Ra1± 0.32/24 should be considered.]

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A09
□ **Ioannidis,Evgenios** **2499**
■ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2609**
Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (9)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 *(5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6*

9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)*)* 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 *(7...a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 19.Nf4 Bxc3 20.dxc3 d2 21.Nxe6+ fxe6 22.Re4* Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)*)* 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1 Markovitz,N-Kuzubov,Y Benasque 2017 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins] 0-1]

[4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81)]

[4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 Bocharov,D (2592)-Smirnov,P (2637) Khanty Mansiysk 2005 CBM 111 [Golod,V] 1-0 (38) 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2 0-0-0 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 Nd7 23.Nb3 c5 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 26.Kg1 Re3 27.a4 Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 Be4 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3 Bocharov,D (2583)-Pridorozhni,A (2571) Taganrog 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (38)]

4...g4 5.Nh4 e5 6.Bg2 Be7 0.36/18

[6...Ne7= -0.05/19 should be considered.]

7.0-0 -0.85/21

[7.d3!= 0.16/22 remains equal.]

[7.Qa4+± 0.36/18 Qd7 8.Qb3]

7...Bxh4∓ 8.gxh4 Black is better.

8...Ne7! 9.e3 -1.21/24

[9.Qa4+∓ -0.65/22 Nd7 10.d3]

[9.d3∓ -0.48/17]

9...Ng6∓ 10.exd4 Nxh4 -0.66/22

[10...Qxd4?! 11.Qb3=]

[Black should try 10...Nc6!∓ -1.09/20 11.dxe5 *(11.d5 Nd4)* 11...Nxh4]

11.d5∓ -1.29/23

[11.Bb2!∓ -0.66/22]

11...Bf5 0.08/23

[11...Nf3+!∓ -1.29/23 12.Bxf3 gxf3

13.Qxf3 Rg8+ 14.Kh1 Qh4]

12.Bb2? -2.30/23

[12.d4= 0.08/23]

12...Nd7 Pair of Knights! **13.Re1 0-0** -0.84/19

[⌓13...Qe7! -1.57/21 Threatens to win with ...Nf3+! 14.Na3 0-0]

14.d4 e4

[14...Nxg2 15.Kxg2 Nb6 16.Qb3=]

15.Nd2 -2.65/22

[15.Qc1∓ -0.86/24]

[15.Qd2∓ -0.90/17]

15...Nf6 -1.35/22

[15...Nf3+!-+ -2.65/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 16.Bxf3 gxf3]

16.Nf1∓ -1.82/23

[16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 f5∓]

[16.d6∓ -1.35/22 Qxd6 17.d5]

16...b5? 0.00/21

[16...Nh5-+ -1.82/23 White must now prevent ...Nf4. 17.Qc1 *(17.Bxe4? Re8-+)* 17...Nxg2 18.Kxg2 Qd6]

[16...Nf3+∓ -1.04/19 17.Bxf3 gxf3]

17.Qd2 -0.49/21

[17.d6!= 0.00/21 should be considered.]

17...Bg6 -0.25/17

[Black should try 17...Nxg2∓ -0.71/19 18.Kxg2 bxc4]

18.d6!= Nh5 0.19/24

[Much less strong is Don't play 18...bxc4 19.d5 Nxg2 20.Kxg2±]

[18...Nxg2∓ -0.31/22 19.Kxg2 Qxd6]

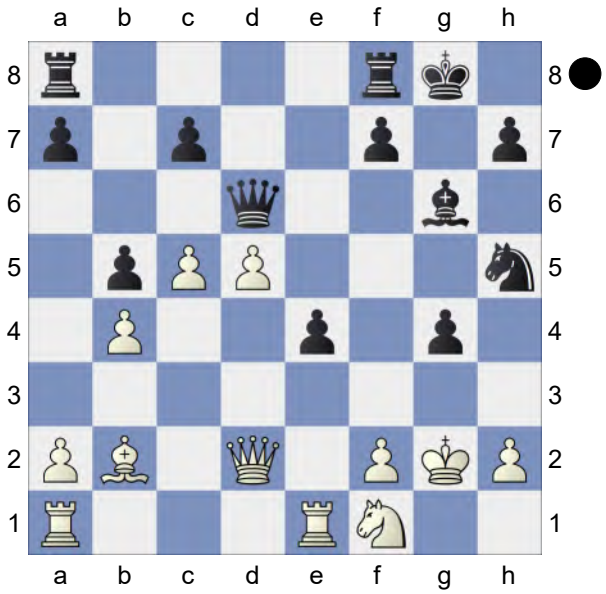
19.d5 Hoping for Ng3.

[Wrong is 19.Bxe4? Bxe4 20.Re3 Qxd6!-+ *(20...Qf6!-+)*]

19...Nxg2 20.Kxg2 Qxd6 21.c5? -2.31/21

[21.Ng3!= -0.01/20 and White is okay. and White has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)



Black continues to play with concentration. **21...Qxd5!-+** Dancing on a razor blade. **22.Qxd5 Nf4+ 23.Kg3 Nxd5** Dancing on a razor blade. **24.a3?** -3.74/20

[⌓24.Ne3 -2.01/21 Nxb4 25.Nxg4 *(25.Bf6)*]

24...f5 25.Rad1 Rad8 26.Rd2 c6 27.Red1 h5 28.Kh4 f4 Prevents Ne3. Inhibits Ne3. **29.Rd4 Rfe8?** -0.95/19

[29...Kh7-+ -4.27/21 is more deadly. 30.Bc1 Rd7]

[29...a6-+ -4.29/18 And now ...Rde8 would win. 30.Bc3 Bf7]

30.Kg5? -4.21/20

[30.Bc1∓ -0.95/19 nothing else works. was the only chance.]

30...Kf7 31.Rxd5 Rxd5+

[31...cxd5? perishes. loses. 32.Kxf4 Ke6 33.Kg5-+]

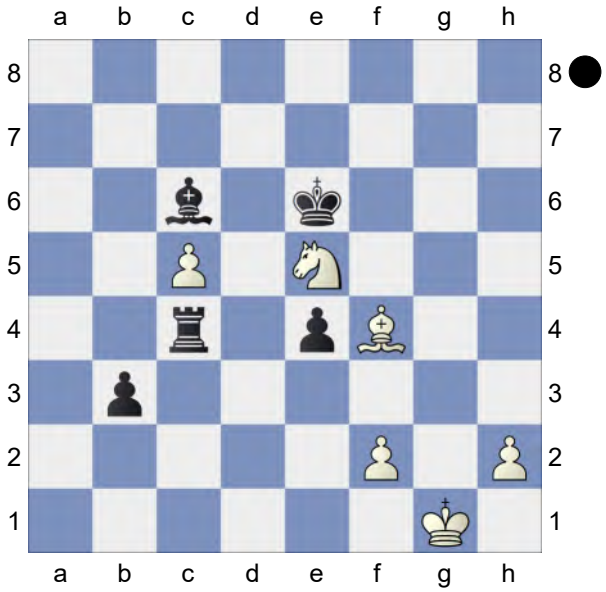
32.Rxd5 cxd5 33.Kxf4 Endgame KRB-KBN **33...Ke6** ...Rf8+ is the strong threat. **34.Ne3?** -4.73/24

[⌓34.Ke3 -3.23/29]

[34.Kg5 -3.42/21 Rg8 35.Nd2]

34...Rf8+ 35.Kg3 Rf3+ 36.Kg2 Be8 37.Bd4 Bd7 38.Kg1 a6 39.Kg2 Bc6 40.Kg1 Rf4 aiming for ...Rf3. **41.Ng2**

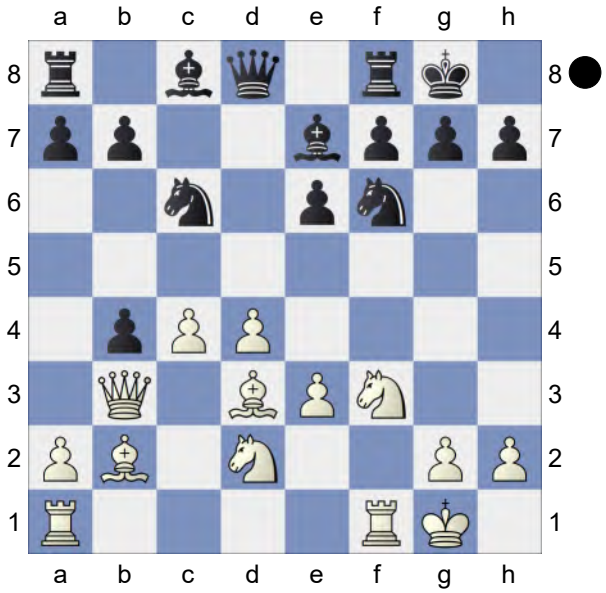
-5.60/26
[⌓41.Nc2 -3.51/21 was necessary.]
41...Rf8 Strongly threatening ...Rf3. ... Rf3 is the strong threat. **42.Kf1 Kd7 43.Kg1 Ra8** And now ...a5 would win. **44.Nf4 a5** Black is clearly winning. **45.Nxh5 axb4 46.axb4 Ra4 47.Bc3 d4 48.Bxd4 Rxb4 49.Be3 Rc4 50.Nf6+ Ke6 51.Nxg4 b4 52.Bf4 b3** (-> ...e3!) White must now prevent ...b2. **53.Ne5**



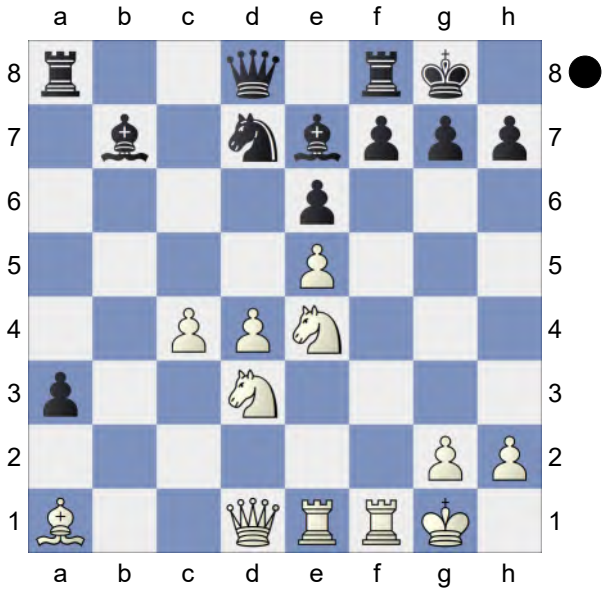
b2!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.54
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.52
0-1

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2558**
■ **Huschenbeth,N** **2603**
Titled Tue 15th Aug Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Nf6
[3...f6 4.Na3 e5 5.Nc2 a5 6.b5 Nh6 7.d3 Nf7 8.g3 Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Nd2 Ne6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.e3 Rd8 15.exd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Rxd4 17.Nb3 Rd8 18.a4 Ding,L (2766)-Wojtaszek,R (2727) Huaian 2016 CBM 171 Extra [Schulz,Andre] 1-0]
[3...c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw,John] ½-½]
4.Qb3N
[4.g3 c5 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.b5 Bc8 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.e3 e5 9.0-0 Be7 10.d3 0-0 11.Qb3 Re8 12.a4 a6 13.Re1 h6 14.Nbd2 axb5 15.cxb5 dxe3 16.fxe3 c4 17.Qxc4 Nb6 18.Qc2 Bf5 Lesson 3-3.b4 Rare options [GM Ivan Cheparinov] (31)]
4...c5 5.e3 dxe3 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 -0.66/21
[7.a3= -0.24/19]
7...e6 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better. **8...Nc6** aiming for ...e5! **9.0-0 Be7 10.Bb2 0-0! 11.Nbd2**



a5! 12.Rae1 a4 13.Qd1 b3 14.axb3 a3 15.Ba1 Nb4 16.Ne5 Nxd3 -0.40/16
[16...b6∓ -0.71/18]
17.Nxd3∓ b5 18.e4 -0.80/18
[18.c5!= -0.18/19 keeps the balance.]
18...bxc4∓ 19.bxc4 Bb7 20.e5 -0.87/17
[20.d5∓ -0.54/19 feels stronger.]
20...Nd7 21.Ne4 -1.67/17
[21.Nf4∓ -0.70/17]



21...Qc7 -0.49/18
[Better is 21...Ba6!-+ -1.67/17 22.Qb3 Nb6]
22.c5!∓ Ba6 0.24/15
[22...Bxe4∓ -0.58/17 23.Rxe4 Qc6]
23.Rf4 -0.46/19
[23.Rf2= 0.24/15]
23...Rab8 24.Nd6 -1.57/20
[24.Rf2= -0.25/19]
24...Bxd6? 0.22/19
[24...a2∓ -1.57/20 ...Rb1 is the strong threat. 25.Nb2 Qa5]
25.exd6= Qc6 1.00/19
[25...Qa5!= -0.24/18 26.Rf3 a2]
26.d5? -0.99/21
[26.Qd2± 1.00/19 keeps the pressure on.]
26...Qxd5 0.06/19
[26...exd5∓ -0.99/21 And now ...Bxd3 would win. 27.Rh4 *(27.Qg4 g6=)* 27...Nxc5 28.Rxh7 Kxh7 29.Qh5+ Kg8 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Qg4+ Kh6 32.Qh4+ Kg7 33.Qg4+ Kh8 34.Qh5+ Kg8 35.Qg4+ Kh8 36.Qh5+ Kg8 37.Qg4+ Kh8]
27.Rd4↑ White is pushing.
[Much worse is 27.Qg4 f6 28.Rd4 Qb3∓]
27...Qb3 1.20/16
[27...Qc6= 0.05/18]
28.c6± Qxd1 29.Rxd1 Bxd3? 2.83/21
[29...e5± 0.93/17 30.Ra4 Bxd3 31.Rxd3 Rb1+ 32.Kf2 Rxa1 33.cxd7 Rb1]
30.R4xd3+- Ne5? 7.88/21
[30...a2 2.82/21 31.cxd7 f6]
31.Bxe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.54
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A09
□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2669**
■ **Kosteniuk,A** **2523**
Titled Tue 5th Sep Early blitz (9) 5.9.23

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 a5 6.b5 Nd7 7.Bg2 Nc5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.f4 e6 10.d3 Be7 11.Nd2 Nxd3 12.Bxb7 Nxc1 13.Bxa8 Qxa8 14.Rxc1 0-0 15.Qf3 Qa7 16.Rfd1 a4 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Rd8 19.f5 Qb6 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Rd3 Bc5 22.Re1 Re8 23.Kg2 Qd6 24.h4 a3 25.h5 h6 26.f4 Re7 27.Qa8+ Kf7 28.Re5 Re8 29.Qe4 Re7 30.g4 Bb6 31.g5 Ke8 32.Qa8+ Kd7 33.Qxa3 Qxa3 34.Rxa3 Kd6 35.Ra6
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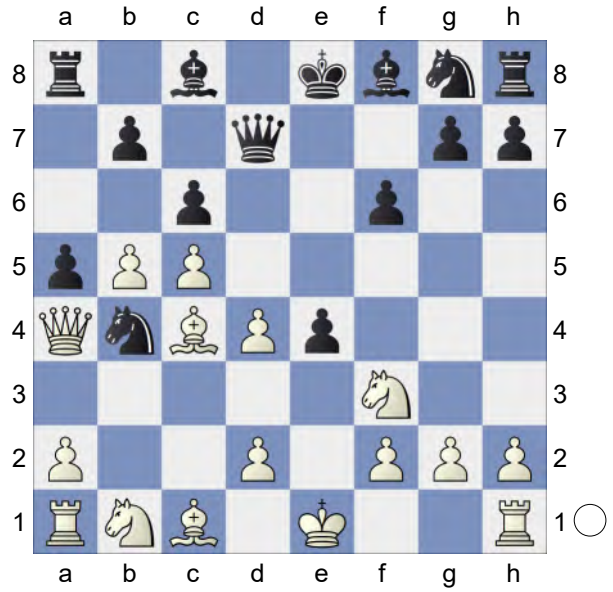
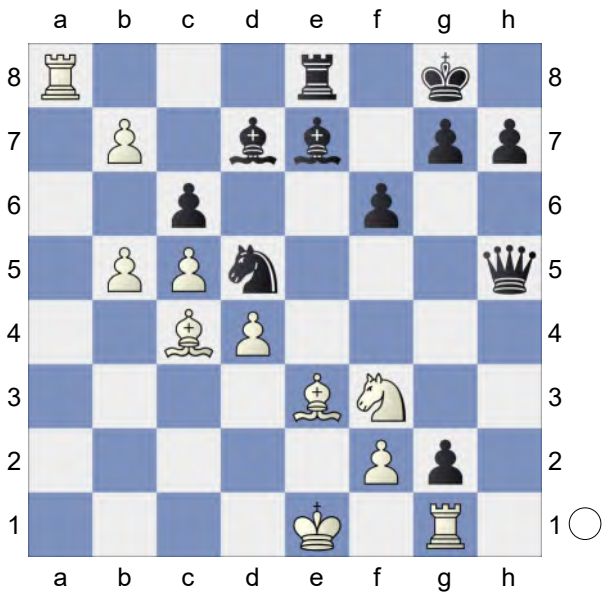
A09
□ **Gardon,E** **2729**
■ **Ernst,Heinz** **2766**
(ch) 105/224 (3.5) 27.07.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Qd7 7.Bb5 c6! 8.Bc4 The position is equal. **8...Na6** 0.55/17
[8...Ne7= -0.11/18]
9.exd4!±
[9.Qxa5? Nc7 10.Be6 Qd8 11.Qxa8 Nxa8-+]
9...e4 10.b5 Nb4 1.30/20
[Black should try 10...exf3± 0.56/19 11.bxa6 fxg2]

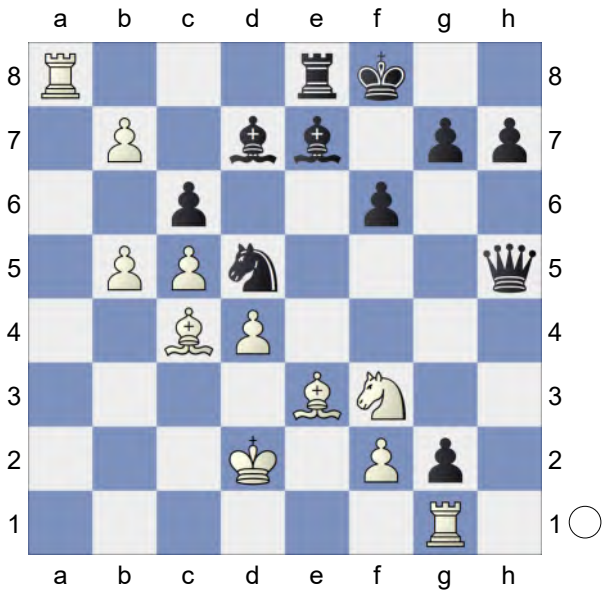


11.a3!± exf3 12.axb4 Hoping for bxc6.
12...Qxd4 ...Qe4+ is the strong threat.
[12...fxg2?! 13.Rg1=]
13.d3 Against Qe4+
[13.bxc6 b5 14.Qxb5 fxg2∓]
13...Qe5+ 1.78/19
[13...fxg2± 1.13/16 was necessary. 14.Rg1 Qe5+ 15.Be3 Qxh2]
14.Be3+- fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7N
[15...Qxh2 16.bxc6 b5 *(16...Qxg1+ 17.Kd2 b5 18.cxb6 Bxb4+ 19.Nc3 Qh2 20.b7 Rb8 21.c7+ Kf8 22.cxb8Q Qxb8 23.bxc8Q+ Qxc8 24.Rg1 h5 25.Rxg2 h4 26.Qb5 Ne7 27.Kc2 h3 28.Rh2 Qc7 29.Nd5 Nxd5 30.Qxd5 g5 31.Rxh3* Ignatiev,B (2547)-Holzmann,M (2503) Saint-Pierre 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Gonzalez Garcia,J] 1-0 (37)) 17.cxb6 Bxb4+ 18.Nc3 Bxc3+ 19.Ke2±]
16.Nd2 0.72/19
[16.Rxg2+- 1.80/17 Bd7 17.d4]
16...Bd7 1.32/17
[Black should play 16...Qxh2 0.72/19 17.Nf3 Qh5]
17.bxa5 0.10/20
[17.Rxg2± 1.32/17 Black must now prevent b6. Nd5 18.d4]
17...Nd5
[Much weaker is 17...Qxh2 18.0-0-0∓]
18.d4 -0.11/16
[⌓18.Bxd5 0.26/19 Qxd5 19.Qe4+ Qxe4 20.Nxe4]
18...Qxh2= 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6! Be7
[20...Qxf3 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.b8Q+ Kf7 23.Rxa4 cxb5 24.Ra7 bxc4 25.Rxd7+ Ne7 26.d5+-]
21.axb7 Rxa4 22.Rxa4 0-0 -1.01/16
[22...Kf7= 0.00/23 23.Ra8 Qxf3 24.Rxh8 Bg4]
23.Ra8∓ aiming for Rxf8+. **23...Re8** 1.90/18
[23...Qxf3? 24.bxc6 Bxc6 25.Rxf8+ Bxf8 26.b8Q±]
[23...cxb5∓ -0.93/16 keeps the pressure on. 24.Bb3 Qxf3 25.Rxf8+ Bxf8]

(Diagram)



24.Kd2!+- Threatens to win with Rxe8+. Really sharp! **24...Kf8** 3.52/19
[24...g5± 1.09/16]



25.Rxe8+! Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8

(Diagram)

27.Bf4! And now Bd6+ would win.
27...Ba5+
[27...cxd5 28.b8Q]
28.Kd1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.53
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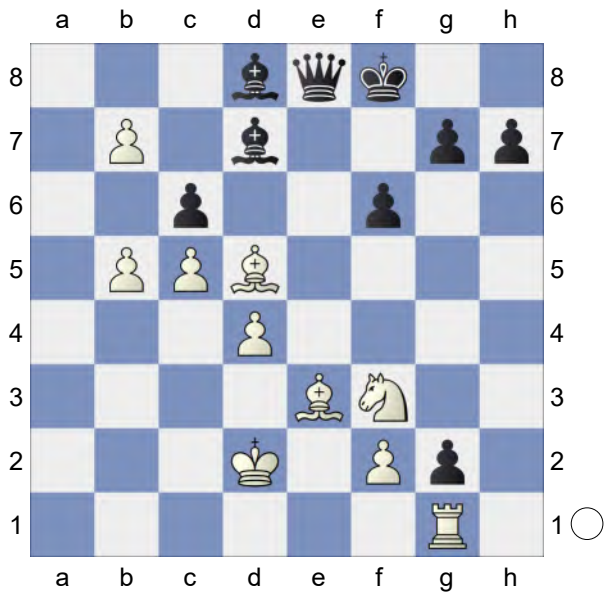


A09

☐ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof**	**2729**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander**	**2766**
Paris Rapid & Blitz (3.5)	27.07.2019

[David Cummings]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6
This is Black's most principled move, going for the full pawn centre. The resulting variation is one the sharpest lines of the Reti. Black certainly has a range of other options, the Archives include games starting with 3...Bg4, 3...c5, 3...g6 and even 3...g5. **4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Qd7** This has been played much less often than 6..Bd7 in OTB chess, although there have been quite a few correspondence games with both moves. An overview of the alternatives:
[6...Nc6 0.36/18 6...Qd7 -0.01 is inferior to the other options. After 7.b5! Nb4 8.a3 Nd5 is covered in the game Demuth-So in the Archives,

and here 9.Qc2 gives White am edge according to Demuth]

[6...Bd7 leads to a critical position after 7.b5! Bxc5 8.Bc4 Ne7 9.exd4! exd4 and now:

A) 10.Ba3! when Black has a choice:

A1) 10...Bxa3 with a further split:

A1a) 11.Qxa3! Bg4 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Re1 Nb6! 14.Bf1! Kf7 15.Nxd4 *(15.Re4* is analyzed by Demuth in his Reti repertoire book*)* 15...Re8! 16.Qb3+ Kf8 0.72/19 *(16...Qd5±* 0.38/21 *)* 17.Re4 and White is better due to Black's uncomfortable king's position, Zawadski,A (2180)-Frijling,J (2217) ICCF email 2016 1/2-1/2 (55);

A1b) 11.Qxa3 0.24/22 feels stronger. Bg4 12.0-0;

A1c) 11.Nxa3 -0.21/20 11...Bg4= 12.Nxd4 Nd7 13.Nac2 -0.24/20 *(⌓13.Qb3!* 0.19/23 *)* 13...Nb6= 14.Qb3 Qd6 0.07/20 and Black is already more comfortable with better structure and coordination, Caruana,F (2823)-Topalov,V (2760) Saint Louis 2016 1/2-1/2 (38) *(14...a4∓* -0.33/22 deserves consideration. *15.Qc3 Qd6)*;

A2) 10...Na6 11.0-0! Nb4 when:

A2a) 12.Re1 has scored well in correspondence, and is also recommended by Demuth. Now Bg4 13.d3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kf8 15.Nd2 Ned5 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Qb3 c6 18.Ng3 Qd7 Prevents Nf5. 19.Re4 and now Black can improve with. next Rae1 is good for White.

A2a1) 19...Kf7 0.54/20 19...h5 0.21 20.Ne2 Rhd8 0.79/20 *(20...Rhe8±* 0.43/19 *)* 21.Nf4! gave White some initiative in Oreopoulos,K (2445)-Ruefenacht,M (2459) ICCF email 2012 1-0 (34);

A2a2) 19...h5! 20.Rae1 Bc5 when Black can follow up with ...Rh8-h6. The position is far from clear and any result is possible. In general, this line is very complex and unusual, and in practice will favour the better prepared player.;

A2b) 12.d3 Bf5 13.Rc1 -0.16/19 *(13.Qb3* 0.21/20 was preferrable.*)* 13...b6!= 14.Qb3 Qd6 0.29/18 *(14...a4!∓* -0.33/20 *15.Qd1 Qd7)* 15.Nbd2! and White had compensation for the pawn in Demuth-Duda, which is analyzed in the Archives,;

B) 10.Ba3!= 0.21/22 Na6 11.0-0;

C) 10.Bb2?! -0.63/19 10...Bg4! gave Black good play in Ramirez-Edouard, see the game in the Archives]

7.Bb5 c6! 8.Bc4 The position is equal.

8...Na6?! 0.49/18 Leading to a crazy line that follows the 2014 game Hillarp Persson-Hector (analyzed in the Archives by Alex Fier) until move 15. Objectively, the alternatives should be preferred:

[8...Ne7! gives White a choice:

A) 9.0-0 Na6 and now:

A1) 10.Bb2 and now Nd5 *(10...axb4* 0.58/19 10...Nd5 -0.51 *11.exd4 e4 12.Ne1!* favoured White in Christiansen,J (2411)-Gretarsson,H (2550) Helsingor 2016 1-0 (38)*)* 11.a3 b5 12.cxb6! Nxb6 13.Qb3 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 dxe3 15.fxe3 Nc7 and Black is better thanks to his two bishops and light-squared control;

A2) 10.d3? dxe3! 11.fxe3 Nd5 12.d4 -2.34/18 *(12.Qb3∓* -0.87/19 *)* 12...b5-+ 13.cxb6 Nxb6 14.Qb3 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 Nxb4 was crushing for Black in Cordova,E (2597)-So,W (2765) chess.com INT 2019 0-1 (26);

B) 9.b5 is Demuth's choice. After 9...Nd5! White has:

B1) 10.exd4 Nf4 11.Kf1! Qf5 Against d3

B1a) 12.h3 exd4 13.d3 Nxd3 14.Nbd2! Nxc5 15.Qd1 Qh5 16.Nb3 -0.01/17 is dynamically balanced, Oreopoulos,K (2508) -Esposito,L (2446) ICCF email 2017 1/2-1/2 (25) *(16.a4!±* 0.38/18 *)*;

B1b) 12.d3± 0.33/20;

B1c) 12.Qb3 -0.16/18 12...exd4= 13.Nxd4 Qg4 14.Rg1! Bxc5 15.Nf3 is given by Demuth, but here a4 16.Qc2! Bf5 17.d3 Kd8! 18.Nc3 Re8 gives Black decent counterplay;

B2) 10.exd4± 0.46/19 Nf4 11.g3;

B3) 10.Ba3 0.01/20 10...Nc7= 11.bxc6?! -0.30/18 *(11.b6* is unclear*; ⌓11.b6* 0.01/20 *Nb5 12.0-0)* 11...Nxc6= 12.0-0 Nb4 13.Qb3 Bxc5 14.exd4 b5! and Black has a strong initiative, although a draw was agreed here in Maghsoodloo,P (2673) -Wang, H (2718) Sharjah 2019 1/2-1/2 (14)]

[8...dxe3 0.59/18 8...Na6 0.12 has been played in several correspondence games, for example 9.fxe3 Qg4 10.b5! e4 11.Nd4! Qxg2 12.Rf1 Bxc5 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Qxa3 Qxh2 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Nf2 cxb5 18.Nxb5 Kf8! 19.Nd6 Nbc6 20.Rb1 and White is better despite his material deficit, as Black's king is stuck, Malnar,A (2375)-Dubko,V (2389) ICCF email 2016 1-0 (41)]

[8...Ne7!= 0.05/20 might be stronger.]

9.exd4!±

[9.Qxa5? Nc7 10.Be6 Qd8 11.Qxa8 Nxa8-+]

9...e4 10.b5 Nb4 1.29/19

[10...exf3 11.bxa6 fxg2 12.Rg1 b5! 13.cxb6 Black must now prevent b7. Bxa6 14.Rxg2 and White is better (Demuth)]

[Black should try 10...exf3± 0.59/19 11.bxa6 fxg2]

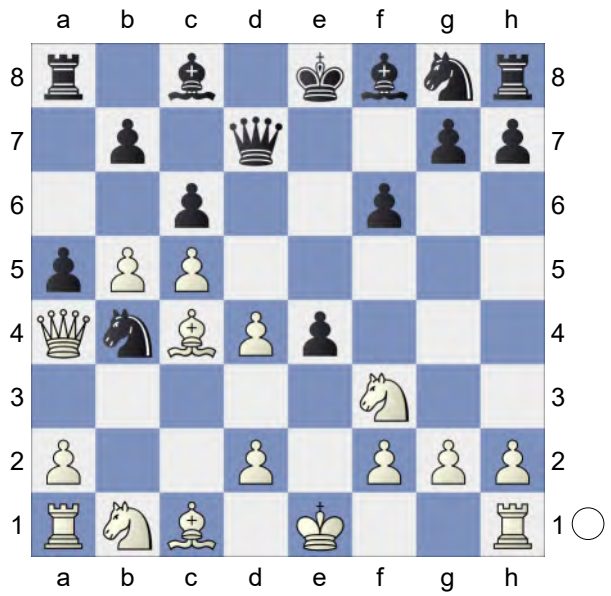
(Diagram)

Or: **11.a3!± exf3 12.axb4 Qxd4 13.d3** Prevents Qe4+.

[13.bxc6 b5 14.Qxb5 fxg2∓]

13...Qe5+ 1.97/19 Instead:

[13...fxg2 14.Rg1 Ne7 1.54/17 *(Black should play 14...Qe5+±* 0.58/17 *15.Be3 Qxh2)* 15.Be3!± Qb2 16.Rxg2 Bd7 can be answered by



17.Nd2 "and it's still not clear what Black is going to do with his pieces, so White has a big advantage" - Fier]
[13...fxg2± 1.46/17 14.Rg1 Qe5+ 15.Be3 Qxh2]

14.Be3+- fxg2 15.Rg1 Ne7N

The first new move.

[15...Qxh2 2.37/17 15...Bd7 1.78 16.bxc6!! Qxg1+ 17.Kd2 b5 18.cxb6 and White went on to win in Hillarp Persson-Hector - see the game in the Archives Bxb4+ 19.Nc3 Qh2 20.b7 Rb8 21.c7+ Kf8 22.cxb8Q Qxb8 23.bxc8Q+ Qxc8 24.Rg1 h5 25.Rxg2 h4 26.Qb5 Ne7 27.Kc2 h3 28.Rh2 Qc7 29.Nd5 Nxd5 30.Qxd5 g5 31.Rxh3 Rxh3 32.Qg8+ Ke7 33.Qe6+ Ignatiev,B (2547)-Holzmann,M (2503) Saint-Pierre 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Gonzalez Garcia,J] 1-0 (37)]
[15...Qxh2 16.bxc6! Qxg1+ 17.Kd2±]

16.Nd2 0.69/19 Not the most accurate, since it leaves the h2-pawn hanging.

[16.Rxg2! Bd7 17.d4 is very strong. A sample illustrative line runs Qe4 18.Rg3 Strongly threatening Nc3. Qh1+ 19.Kd2 g6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Nc3 Qxh2 22.Qb3 Nf5 Hoping for ...Bh6. 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.bxa5 Nxg3 25.Qb8+ and White has a winning attack]
[16.Rxg2+- 1.93/17 Bd7 17.d4]

16...Bd7 1.57/18

[16...Qxh2 immediately is Black's best chance]
[16...Qxh2 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Nd4=]
[16...Nd5± 0.69/19 17.Rxg2 Nc3]

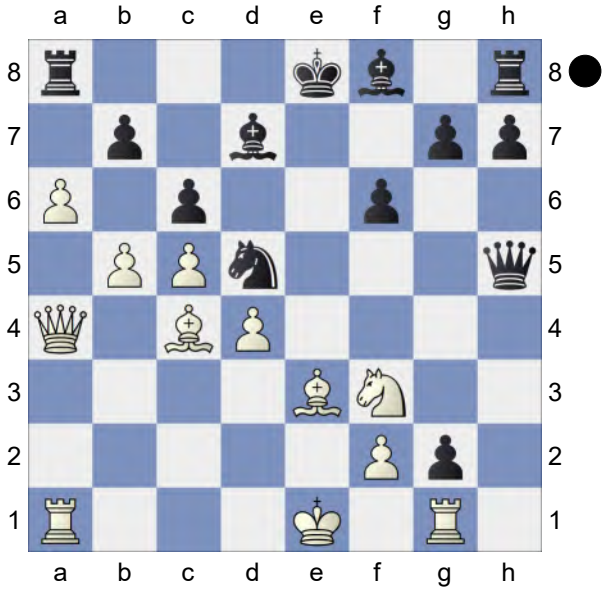
17.bxa5?! 0.15/21

[17.Rxg2 was again called for]
[17.Rxg2± 1.57/18 Nd5 18.d4]

17...Nd5↑ Now Black is back in business. Remember this was all played in a Rapid game! Black fights for an advantage.

[17...Qxh2 18.0-0-0∓]

18.d4 Qxh2 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.a6!



Be7 -0.37/20

[20...Qxf3 21.axb7 Rxa4 22.b8Q+ Kf7 *(22...Ke7 23.Rxa4 Kf7 24.bxc6+-)* 23.Rxa4 cxb5 24.Ra7 bxc4 25.Rxd7+ Ne7 26.d5+-]
[20...Bd6!= -0.03/21 21.Qd1 *(21.cxd6 Qxf3)* 21...Bb8 22.Rxg2 Nxe3]

21.axb7∓ The trend had been going against Duda but here he comes up with an imaginative queen sac! **21...Rxa4** **22.Rxa4** Queening with check (!) would be a huge mistake here:

[22.b8Q+? -4.69/17 22.Rxa4 -0.93 Kf7 23.Qxh8 Rxa1+ 24.Kd2 Rxg1 25.Nxg1 cxb5 and Black wins!]

22...0-0 23.Ra8 Re8 2.16/18

[23...Qxf3? 1.96/25 23...cxb5 -0.15 doesn't help because after 24.Rxf8+ Bxf8 25.bxc6 Bxc6 26.b8Q Qc8 is the strong threat. Qe4 27.Kd2 aiming for Qc8. f5 28.Qf4! White's extra material is decisive]

[23...cxb5!! leaves all to play for! After 24.Rxf8+ Bxf8 25.Bb3! Qxf3 26.b8Q Bg4! 27.Qxb5 And now Kd2 would win. h5 Threatens to win with ...Kh7. 28.Kd2! the position is just unclear. Black is much better coordinated than in the last note, and has good counterplay. Anything could happen from here.]

[23...Qxf3? 24.bxc6 Bxc6 25.Rxf8+ Bxf8 26.b8Q±]

[23...cxb5± 0.54/19 24.Bb3 Qxf3 25.Rxf8+ Bxf8]

(Diagram)

Black tries to keep the back rank covered and get his king out of the pin along the a2-g8 diagonal, but this is too slow. This position is almost impossible to figure out in a quick game, but Black did have some resources:. This move loses the game for Black. **24.Kd2!+-** Chess con chili. **24...Kf8** 3.76/19

[24...Bf8?

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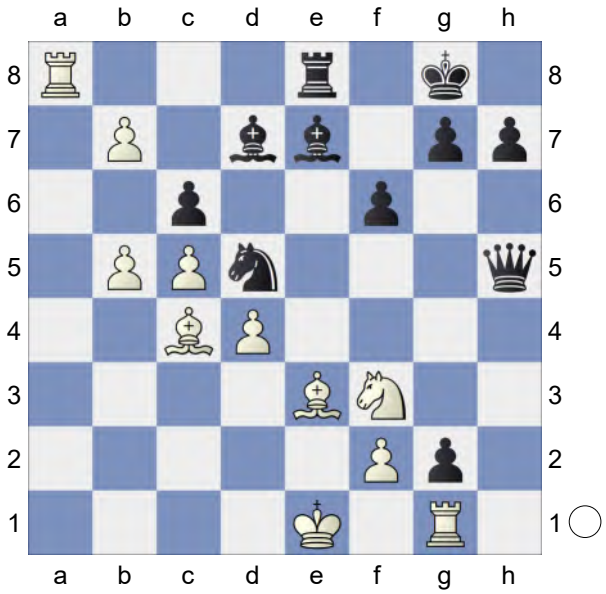
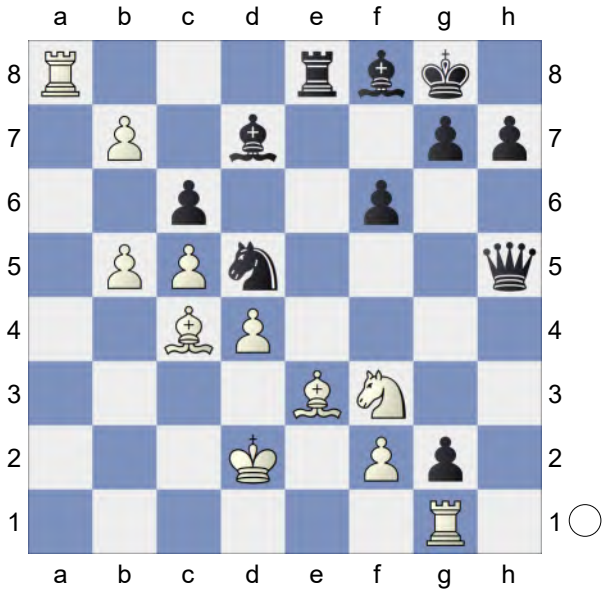




25.Rxg2! h6 26.Rg3]

[24...cxb5 2.24/16 was called for. 25.Rxe8+ *(25.Bxd5+ Qxd5 26.Rxe8+ Bxe8+-)* 25...Bxe8]

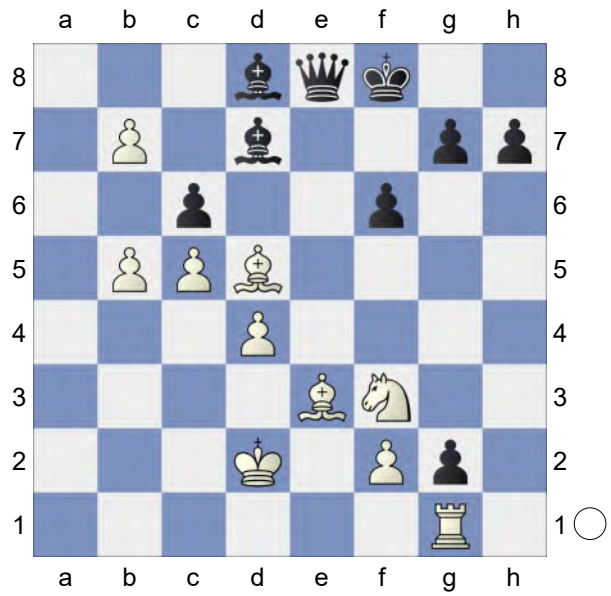
25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Bd8

[26...cxd5 27.Bf4 and the b-pawn promotes. Inhibits Bd6.]

(Diagram)

Or: **27.Bf4! Ba5+**

[27...cxd5 28.b8Q]



28.Kd1 After the b-pawn promotes, Black will be too much material behind. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.36
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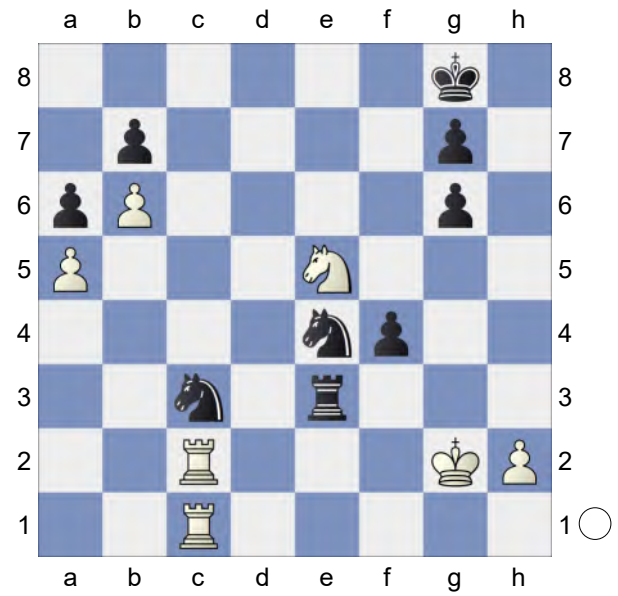
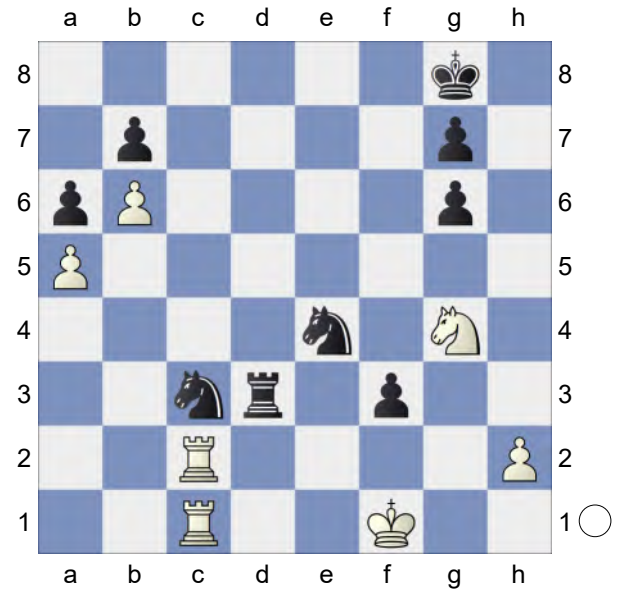
A09

□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2525**
■ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2608**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Late blitz (9) 26.3.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...f6N
[4...Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]
5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 -0.07/20
[6.d3± 0.51/17]
6...Bd6 0.54/21
[6...e4= -0.07/20 7.Ng1 f5]
7.0-0± Ne7 8.d3 White is slightly better.
8...0-0 9.a4 Qc7 10.a5 a6 1.02/23
[10...Nd7± 0.70/16]
11.b6 Qd8 12.Nbd2 Nbc6 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nxd6 0x0.0020e918fe30dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **14...Qxd6 15.Nd2 Be6** 2.11/18
[15...Rf6± 0.91/18]
16.Nb3!+- Rac8 17.Ba3 Nd8 18.e3 dxe3 3.52/18
[⌓18...f4 2.25/16 19.gxf4 Nf5]
19.fxe3 f4 20.gxf4 exf4 21.d4? 0.78/14
[21.Nxc5+- 3.10/17 Rxc5 22.d4]
21...Bxc4± 22.Bxc5 -0.66/18 A strong pair of Bishops.
[22.Rf2!± 0.79/17]
22...Qe6∓ 23.d5! Nxd5 24.Bxf8 Nxe3
[Much worse is 24...Kxf8 25.Kh1=]
25.Qd4 Qg6 26.Rf2 Ne6 27.Qe4 Rxf8 1.17/20
[27...Qg4= -0.29/21 28.Qf3 Qxf3 29.Bxf3 Ng5]
28.Qxg6± Dancing on a razor blade.
28...hxg6 29.Nd2 Bd5 30.Bxd5 Nxd5 31.Nc4 0.67/16
[31.Ne4± 1.17/17]
31...Ng5± 32.Kf1 Rd1 is the strong threat. White has compensation.
32...Ne4 Strongly threatening ...Rc8.
33.Re2 Ndc3 34.Rc2 Rd8! 35.Rac1 Rd3 36.Ne5 Rh3 1.07/20
[36...Rd5!= 0.24/22 37.Nxg6 Kf7]
37.Kg2 Re3 1.70/22
[37...Rh5± 0.81/19 was called for.]



38.Ng4 0.73/22
[Weaker is 38.Nxg6 Nd5=]
[38.Rf1!+- 1.70/22 has better winning chances.]
38...f3+ 1.36/20
[⌓38...Rd3 0.73/22]
39.Kf1± Rd3

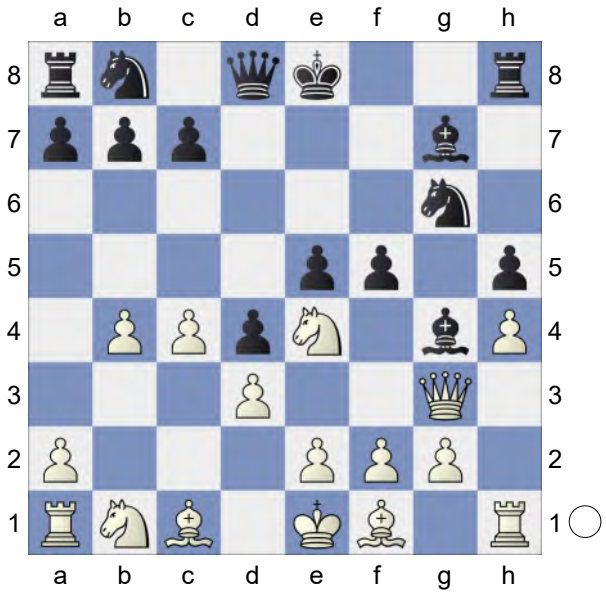


40.Nf2! Re3 5.38/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[40...Rd5± 1.13/21]
41.Nxe4+- White is clearly winning.
41...Nxe4 42.Re1 Rxe1+ 43.Kxe1 g5 44.Rc7 g4 45.Rxb7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2539**
■ **Navara,D** **2684**
European Blitz 2022 (22.1) 16.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5!
[5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Dardha,D (2541)-Beerdsen,T (2508) Cappelle la Grande 2022 Chess Informant 151 [Arsovic,Zoran] 1-0 (34)]
6.Qg3N
[6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39) 21.Rc1 Rhf8 22.Rc4 Be5 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1 Nf4 25.Rh1 Nxh3 26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2 Re1 28.Rf3 Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+ 31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ 34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6 Rc1 Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)]
6...Ne7 Black has compensation. **7.Ne4**

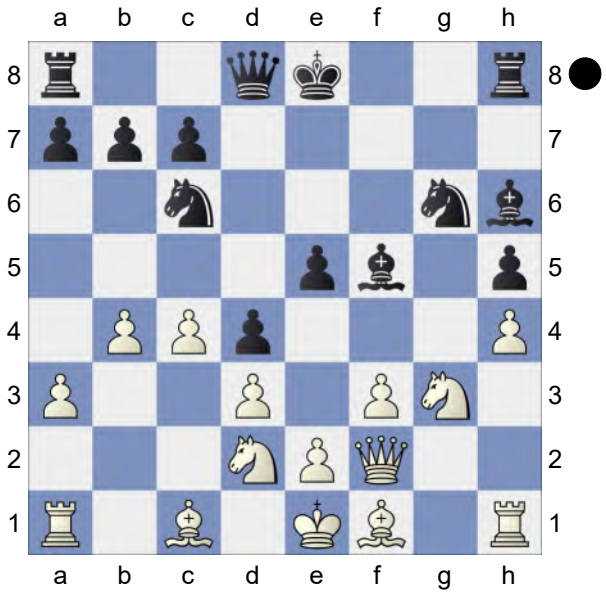
Ng6 8.h4! Threatens to win with h5. Black has an edge. **8...h5** 0.76/21
[8...f5∓ -0.37/22]
9.d3 0.26/19
[9.Qg5!± 0.76/21]
9...Bf5 1.03/21
[9...Qe7= 0.26/19 keeps the balance.]
10.Qf3? -0.59/18
[10.Nbd2!± 1.03/21]
10...Bg4∓ 11.Qg3 f5 0.42/24
[11...Qe7∓ -0.43/21]



12.f3!± f4 0.91/23
[12...fxe4 13.fxg4]
13.Qf2 0.51/20
[13.Qh2!± 0.91/23 Bf5 14.g3]
13...Bf5 14.g3 Nc6 15.a3 Bh6
16.Nbd2 0.00/22
[16.Bh3± 0.49/20 is superior. Bxh3 17.Rxh3]
16...fxg3= 17.Nxg3

(Diagram)

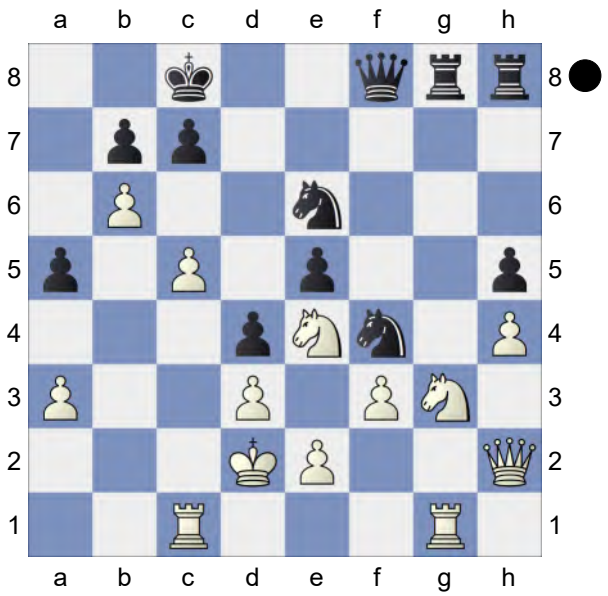
Be3! 18.Qh2 Bd7 19.Nde4 0.03/21
[19.Nb3± 0.37/21]
19...Bxc1! 20.Rxc1 b5 is the strong



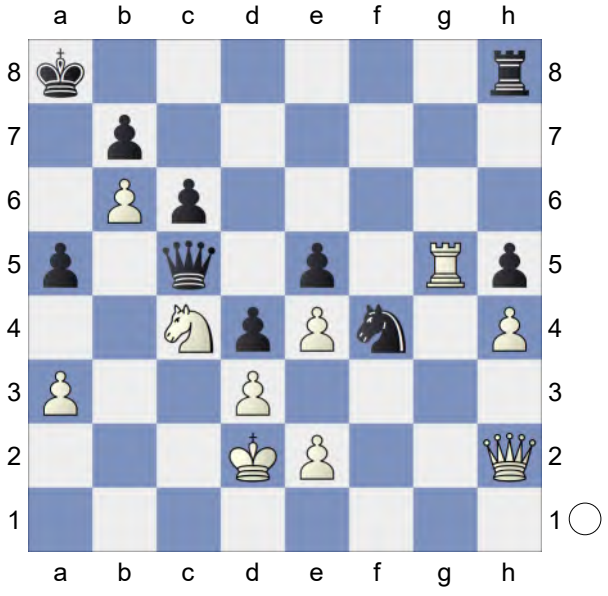
threat. **20...Qe7** 0.89/22
[20...Nf4!= 0.28/23]
21.Bh3 0.46/19
[Better is 21.Nc5!± 0.89/22]
21...Nf4± 22.Bxd7+ Kxd7 23.Rg1 Hoping for Nf5. **23...Rag8 24.Kd2↑** White has some pressure. **24...Kc8**
25.Nf5 -0.16/22
[25.Rb1± 0.36/20]
25...Qf8= 26.Nfg3 a5 0.52/18
[Black should play 26...Rh6= -0.16/21]
27.b5 0.00/21
[27.Ra1!± 0.52/18]
27...Nd8
[But not 27...Qxa3 28.bxc6 Qb4+ 29.Kd1=]
28.c5 -1.02/19
[28.Kc2!= 0.00/21]
28...Nde6∓ 29.b6 -1.45/17
[⌓29.Rc2 -0.91/17]

(Diagram)

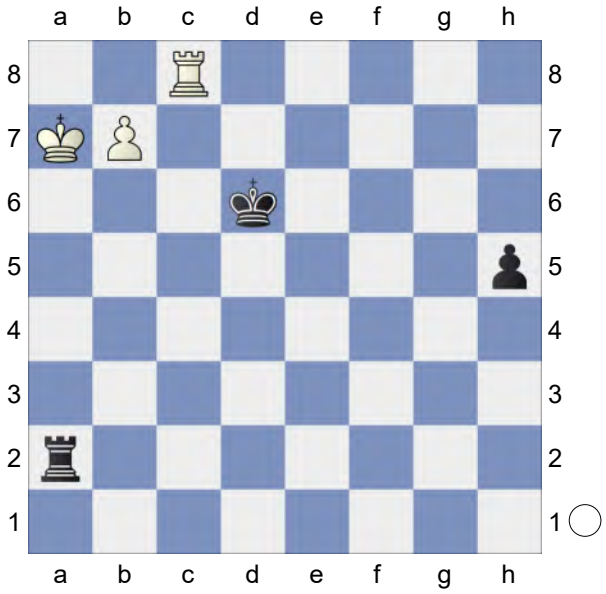
29...c6? 2.79/24
[29...cxb6!∓ -1.45/17 30.cxb6+ Kb8]
30.Nd6+ Kb8 31.Nge4 Rxg1 32.Rxg1 Nxc5 33.Nc4 Strongly threatening Nxc5.



33...Nxe4+ 4.56/23
[33...Nd7 1.98/19 was called for.]
34.fxe4+- Qc5 6.89/19
[⌓34...Ka8 4.61/16 35.Rg5 *(35.Nxe5 Qxa3 36.Qxf4 Rf8±)* 35...Rg8]
35.Rg5 Ka8



36.Qxf4!! Qxc4 37.dxc4 exf4 38.Rxa5+ Endgame KR-KR **38...Kb8 39.Rf5 Kc8 40.Rxf4 Kd7 41.Kd3 c5 42.Rf5 Kc6 43.Rf6+ Kd7 44.e5 Ra8 45.Rh6 Rxa3+ 46.Ke4 Re3+ 47.Kd5 Rxe2 48.Kxc5 Rxe5+ 49.Kxd4 Rf5 50.Kc3 Re5** 7.92/18
[⌓50...Rf4 4.81/22 51.c5 *(51.Rxh5 Kc6+-)* 51...Rf2 52.Rxh5 Kc6]
51.Kb4 Rf5 52.Rh7+? 0.05/17
[White should try 52.c5+- 7.73/20 Rf4+ 53.Kb5]
52...Kc6= 53.c5? 0.05/16
[53.Rh6++- 7.47/28 Kd7 54.c5]
53...Rf4+ 54.Ka5 And now Rc7+ would win. **54...Kxc5?** 7.92/22
[54...Rf2= 0.04/24]
55.Rxb7+- Rxh4 56.Rc7+ Kd6 57.Rc8 Black must now prevent b7. **57...Rh2 58.b7 Ra2+ 59.Kb6 Rb2+ 60.Ka7 Ra2+**

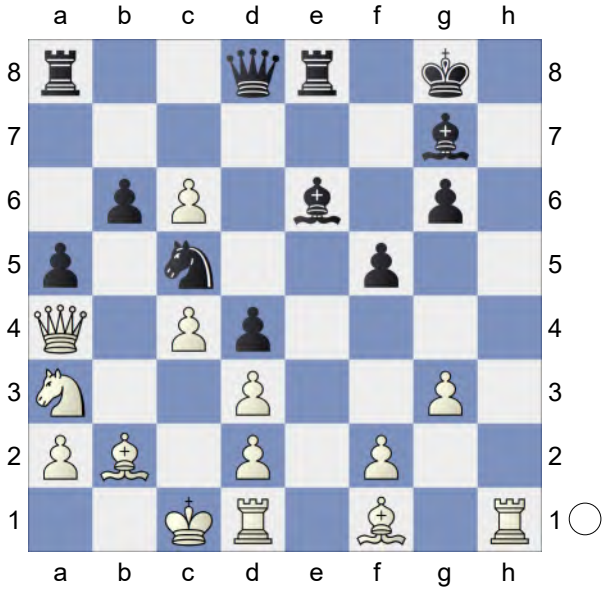


61.Kb8! h4 62.Rh8 Ra4 63.Rh6+ Kd7 64.Rh7+ Kd8 65.Rh5 Kd7 66.Rd5+ Kc6 67.Rd1 Rb4 68.Rc1+ Kd7 69.Ka7? 0.00/34
[69.Rc3+- 5.03/22 Kd6 70.Kc8]
69...Ra4+= 70.Kb6 Rb4+ 71.Ka6 h3 72.Rc3 h2 73.Rh3 Kc7 74.Rh7+ Kc6 75.Rh6+ Kc7! 76.Rh7+ Kc6 77.Rxh2?? -#1/15
[77.Rh6+= 0.00/34 Kc7 78.Rxh2 Rb6+ 79.Ka5]
77...Ra4# What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/

Black=0.53
0-1

A09
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
■ **Zakhartsov,Vl** **2523**
Titled Tue 4th Oct Late blitz (5) 04.10.22
[Kitty Kat]

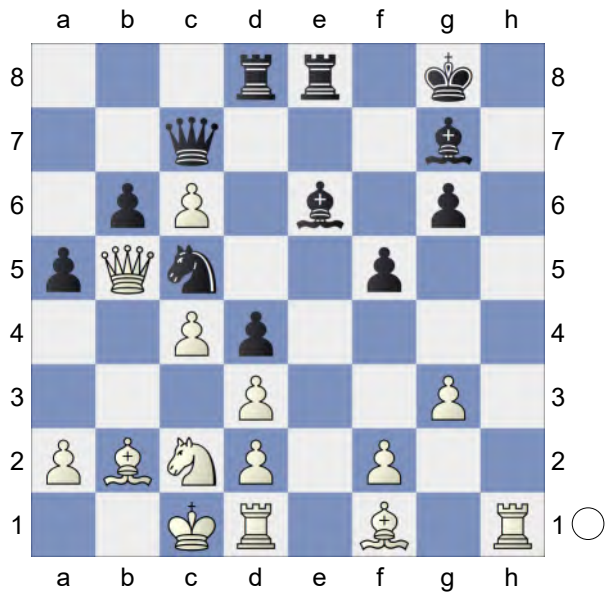
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7N
[4...h6 5.Bb2 *(5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8* Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) *)* 5...Bg7 6.e4 *(6.d3 c5 7.bxc5 e5 8.g3 Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne1 h5 13.e3 Ng6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7 16.Nef3 Bf6 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Rbe8 20.Qd2 Qd8* Chapter A00-Games Game 5 (37)*)* 6...e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 5.♘g5 e6 6.♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2649)-IG1 (2551) ICCF corr 2016 Telechess CBM 89 [Loktiev,I]]
5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 -0.85/19
[6.d3± 0.58/20]
6...f5!∓ Black has strong compensation.
7.Nc5 b6 8.Qa4+ Black is better. **8...c6**
[8...Kf7 is more complex. 9.Nb3 Bb7 10.Na3 Nf6]
9.Nd3 -1.09/18
[9.Nb3!∓ -0.67/18]
9...Ne7 10.Bb2 0-0 aiming for ...f4.
11.g3 Be6 12.Na3 Ng6 13.h4 e4
14.h5 -0.94/18 **exd3 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.exd3 Re8 17.0-0-0** Threatens to win with Bg2. **17...a5?** 0.66/20
[17...b5!∓ -1.01/16 18.Qa5 *(18.cxb5 Qd5∓)* 18...Qxa5 19.bxa5 Nd7]
18.b5± Strongly threatening Bg2.
18...Nd7 1.66/19
[18...c5± 0.60/21]
19.bxc6+- Nc5



20.Qb5 0.15/21
[Only move: 20.Qc2!± 1.48/20]
20...Qc7? 2.43/20 This costs Black the game.
[20...Bf7= 0.15/21 and Black is okay.]
21.Nc2 Rad8

(Diagram)

22.Rh4! g5 23.Rxd4 Bxd4 24.Bxd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.53
1-0



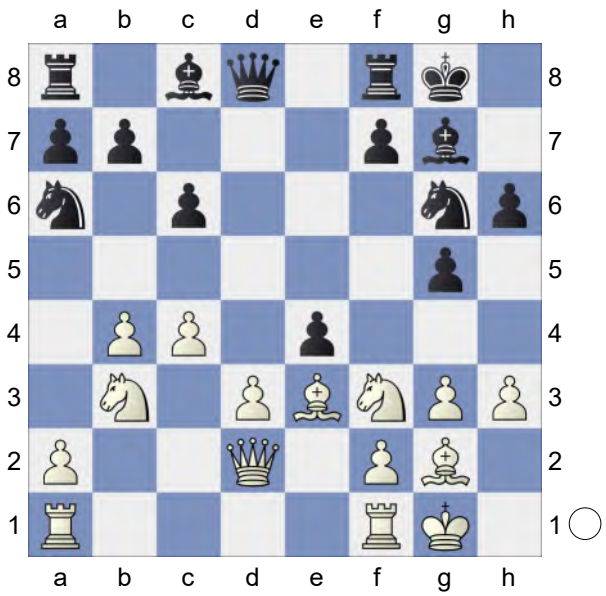
A09

□ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2679**
■ **Tari,Aryan** **2625**
147/111 Wijk aan Zee 2021
[Tadic,Branko, TA]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.d3
[5.Bb2 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2
A) 9...a5
A1) 10.b5 c5
A1a) 11.bxc6 Nexc6 12.0-0 *(12.Ba3 Nb4)* 12...Na6 13.Ba3 Nab4 14.Ne1 f5 15.Nc2 e4;
A1b) 11.0-0 Be6 12.Qc2 Ng6 13.e3 Nd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Rae1 Re8 16.Ne4 Qc7;
A2) 10.a3 Nd7 *(10...Ng6 11.0-0 f5)* 11.0-0 *(11.c5 Nd5)* 11...c5 *(11...f5 12.c5)* 12.Ne4 *(12.bxc5 a4 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nd6 Nxc5 15.Nxc8 Rxc8)* 12...axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 cxb4 15.e3 f5 16.Nd6 dxe3 17.Nxc8 exf2+ 18.Rxf2 Qxc8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qd7;
B) 9...f5 10.a4 *(10.0-0 Ng6)* 10...a5 11.b5 c5;
C) 9...Ng6 10.0-0 f5 *(10...Be6 11.Nb3 Qc8 12.Kh2 Nd7)* 11.a4 Nd7 *(11...a5 12.b5 c5 13.bxc6 Nxc6 14.Ba3)* 12.a5 Rb8 *(12...Nf6 13.a6)* 13.c5 h5 14.Nc4 *(14.b5 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nh2 Re8 17.Qb3+ Kh7 18.Rfc1 Nf6)* 14...g4 *(14...a6)* 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nfd2 Qg5 17.b5 Qh5 *(17...Nxc5 18.Ba3 b6 19.axb6 axb6 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Ra7)* 18.Ba3 *(18.b6 axb6 19.cxb6 c5 20.Qb3 Kh8 21.Ba3 Bf6 22.Nd6 Bg5)* 18...Rf6 19.Qb3 Kh8 20.b6 axb6 21.cxb6 c5]
5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6
[9...f5 10.0-0 Ng6]
10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3
[11.a4 f5 12.b5]
11...dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2
[13.b5 cxb5 14.cxb5 Nc7 15.a4 *(15.b6 Nd5 16.Bc5 Re8 17.bxa7 b6)* 15...Nd5]
13...e4 Diagram
[13...f5 14.b5 cxb5 15.cxb5 Nc7 16.Rac1 *(16.a4 Be6)* 16...Nxb5 17.Qb4 Nc7]

(Diagram)

14.dxe4!?N Qxd2?! 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8? 18.a3
[18.Nxb7 Rb8 19.Na5 Nxb4 20.a3 Nd3 21.Nxc6 Rb6 22.Ncd4 Rfb8 23.Nxe6 Rb1+ 24.Rxb1 Rxb1+



25.Bf1 fxe6 26.Kg2 Rb3 27.a4 Nge5 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.c5]

18...Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2

[20.Bxa7 Rd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 22.Kh2 Ra1 23.b5 cxb5 24.cxb5 Nc7 25.Nd4 Rxa3 26.Bb6 Na8 27.Bd8 Rd3 28.Nxe6 fxe6 29.Nxb7 Rd7 30.e5 Nxe5 31.Bf6]

20...c5 21.bxc5 Rc8

[21...Nb8 22.Rb1 Nc6 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.Rb4 Rd3 25.Ra4 R8d7]

22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4! c5 24.Nb5

[24.Nxe6 fxe6↑ 25.e5! Nxe5 - 131/121 *(25...Rb8 26.Bc6 Rf7 27.Bb5 Nc7 28.Nc6)* 26.Bb7 Rxb7 27.Nxb7 Nxc4 28.Re1]

24...Ne5 25.Rc1 g4

[25...Rcd8 26.Nc3 Rd3]

26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+

[27...Nb8 28.Be3= Nbc6 29.Nxc6 Rxc6]

28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3

[31.Rc3!? Be2 32.f3∞]

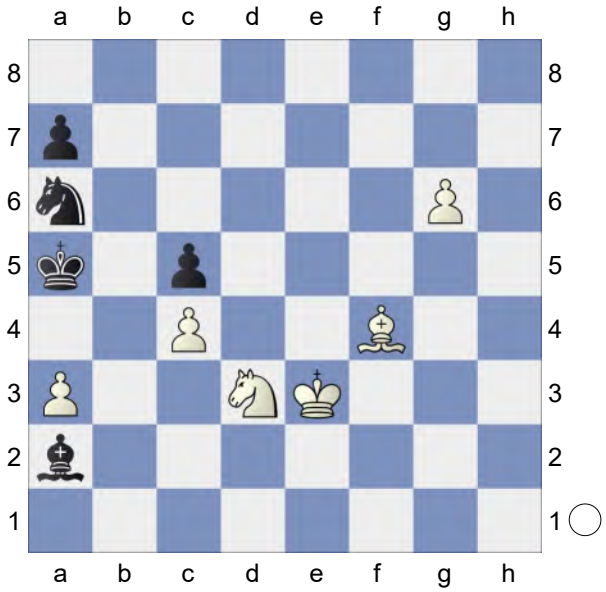
31...Bh5

[31...Nb8 32.Nd5 *(32.Bxc5 Bf3+ 33.Kf1 Nd7 34.Bb4 Ne5)* 32...Nd7 33.f3 Be6]

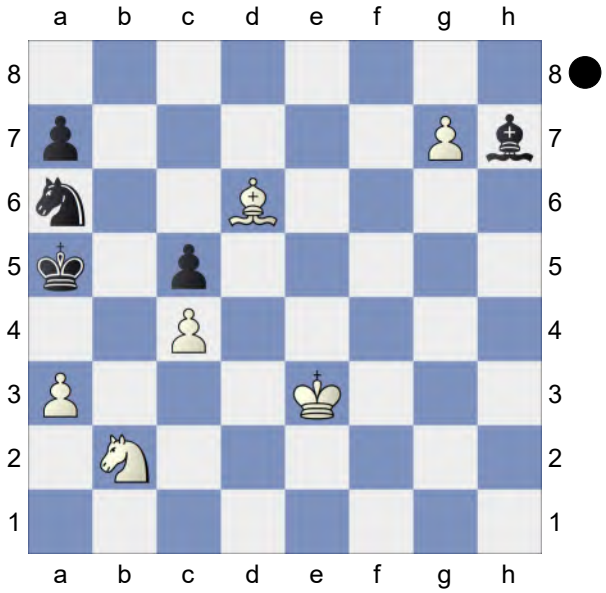
32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2? Bxc2! 40.Bf4

[40.f4!? Kf6 41.f5 Ke5 42.Bf4+↑ Kd4 43.Bd6]

40...Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Diagram



52.Nb2?? Bb1 53.g7 Bh7 54.Bd6 Diagram



54...Kb6? 55.Kf4 Kc6 56.Ke5 Bg8 57.a4
[57.Nd1 Bxc4 58.Ne3 Bb3 59.Nf5]
57...Kd7 58.Bf8 Kc6 59.Kf6 Kd7
[59...Nb8]
60.a5
[60.Nd3]
60...Ke8!-+ ⊙ 61.Na4 Bxc4 62.Bxc5 Bg8 63.Bxa7 Bb3 64.Nc5
[64.Nc3]
64...Nxc5 65.Bxc5 Kd7 66.a6 Kc6 67.Ke7 Kc7 68.Ba7 Kc8= 69.Kd6? Bg8-+ 70.Kc6?? Ba2! 71.Kb6 Bg8!-+ 72.Kc5 Bf7 73.Kd6+- Bg8 74.Ke7+- Δ g4 74...Kc7 75.Kf8 Ba2 76.g8Q± Bxg8 77.Kxg8 Kc6 78.Be3 Kc7 79.Kf7 Kb8 80.Ba7+ Kxa7 81.Ke6± Kxa6
½-½

A09
□ **Rasulov,Vu** **2525**
■ **Harikrishna,P** **2715**
chess.com SpeedChess Q2Sw blitz (12)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.g3 Qc7
[4...cxb4 5.a3 b3 *(5...bxa3 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Qa4 Bd7 9.d3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.Nd2 a6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rfb1 Rb8 15.c5 Be7 16.Ne4 Na5 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Rfc8 20.Qb4* Chapter,W (2732)-R Of B,F (2560) New York 2020 CBM 051 Extra [Aiken] ½-½ (60) *)* 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Nxb3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Nc2 b5 14.Nd2 a6 15.Nb4 Nxb4 16.axb4 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Bb5 18.Nxe5 Bxb4 19.Rb1 Brachtel,R (2655)-Buchicchio,G (2767) Israel 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721] ½-½ (38)]
5.Bg2 e5 6.d3N -0.42/19
[6.bxc5= 0.06/18 Bxc5 7.Ba3]
[6.0-0 Nf6 7.b5 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.a4 a6 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Re8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Be6 14.Qd3 Qd7 15.f4 f6 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 axb5 18.axb5 Qd8 19.h4 Be7 20.Bd2 Nd7 Kandyba,L (2130)-Gonzalez Gonzalez,E (2240) Sharjah 153/194 1987 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 21.Qg3 Nb6 22.Rac1 d3 23.exd3 Rxa3 24.Bc3 Rxc3 0-1 (24) Jasinczuk,J (2130)-Garabedian,V (2240) France 1987 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II]]
6...Nf6 -0.10/18
[6...cxb4∓ -0.42/19 7.e3 dxe3 8.Bxe3 Nc6]
7.0-0 -0.51/16
[7.b5!= -0.10/18 was preferrable.]
7...Nc6 0.54/18
[7...cxb4∓ -0.51/16 8.e3 dxe3 9.Bxe3 Nc6]
8.b5± White is slightly better. **8...Ne7 9.a4 Ng6 10.a5 Rb8 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.h4** 0.03/17
[13.Nh4± 0.72/18]
13...Re8 0.42/19
[13...Ng4!= 0.03/17 should be considered.]
14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.h5 0.13/16
[15.Qb3± 0.54/18]
15...Nf8!= 16.Ne4 -0.38/17
[16.Qb3= 0.10/17]
16...Bd8∓ 17.b6 -0.72/18
[17.Qa4∓ -0.40/18 Qe7 18.Qa3]
17...axb6∓ 18.axb6 Qxb6 19.Qa4 Bd7 0.28/21
[19...Nd7!∓ -0.35/21]
20.Qa3 -0.32/18

[Better is 20.Qa7!= 0.28/21 Qxa7 21.Rxa7]

20...Rc8∓ 21.Rfb1 Qc7

[21...Qh6!? 22.Qc1 *(22.Nxc5? Be7-+; 22.Rxb7? f5-+)* 22...Qxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Rc6∓]

22.h6 -0.84/17

[22.Qa7= 0.00/17 b6 23.Qxc7 Bxc7 24.Ra7]

22...gxh6 -0.03/18

[22...f5∓ -0.84/17 23.Ned2 *(23.hxg7 Kxg7 24.Ned2 e4∓)* 23...e4 24.hxg7 Kxg7]

23.Nxd4? -2.79/18 **exd4-+**

[Stronger than 23...cxd4 24.Nd6 Rb8 25.Nxe8 Bxe8 26.Qa7∓]

24.Rxb7 Qxb7 25.Nf6+ Bxf6 26.Bxb7 Rc7 27.Bf3 Ne6 -1.05/21

[27...Kg7-+ -1.72/19 28.Rb1 Bh3]

28.Qa5 Rb8 29.Bd5 Rcc8 -0.60/17

[Black should play 29...Bd8∓ -1.12/22 30.Qd2 Kg7]

30.Qa7∓ Nf8 31.Ra6 Be6 32.f4 Bg7 -0.28/20

[32...Bxd5∓ -0.73/16 33.cxd5 Bg7]

33.Kf2 -1.47/18

[33.Bf3= -0.28/20 remains equal.]

33...Rb2 -0.35/20

[33...Bxd5!∓ -1.47/18 34.cxd5 Re8]

34.Kf3 -1.77/21

[34.Bf3!∓ -0.35/20]

34...Bxd5+ -1.05/17

[34...h5-+ -1.77/21 ...Bxd5+ is the strong threat. 35.Bxe6 Nxe6]

35.cxd5∓ Re8 And now ...h5 would win.

36.Ra2? -3.26/21

[36.Qc7∓ -0.90/17 Re3+ 37.Kg4 h5+ 38.Kxh5 Rbxe2 39.Ra7]

36...Rxa2 -1.80/16

[⌓36...Re3+ -3.26/21 37.Kg4 Rxa2 38.Qxa2 Bf6]

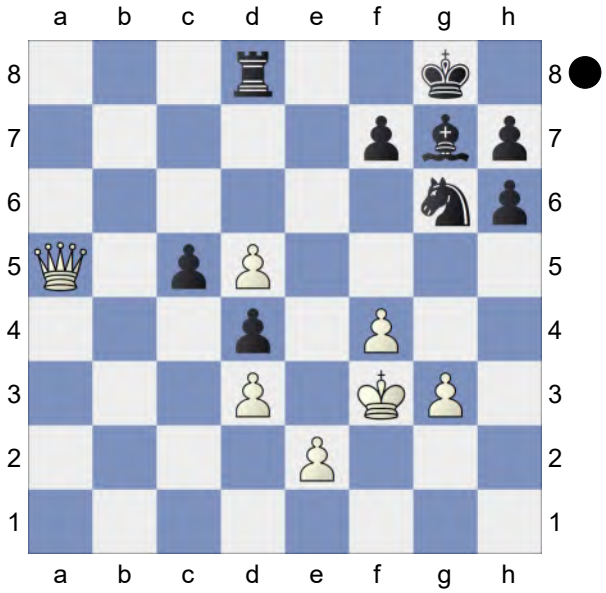
37.Qxa2-+ Ng6 -0.87/22

[37...Rd8!-+ -1.76/22 38.Qa6 Rxd5]

38.Qa4 -1.71/22

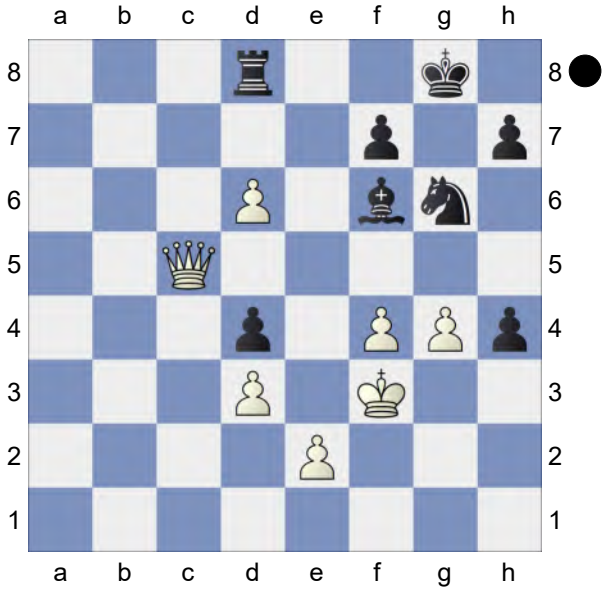
[38.Qa7∓ -0.87/22]

38...Rd8! 39.Qa5



Bf6 40.Qxc5 h5 41.d6 h4 42.g4 -1.94/17

[42.gxh4∓ -1.54/18 Nxh4+ 43.Kf2]



42...h3 -1.06/18

[42...h6!-+ -1.94/17 Hoping for ...Kg7. 43.d7 Nf8]

43.g5 -2.52/18

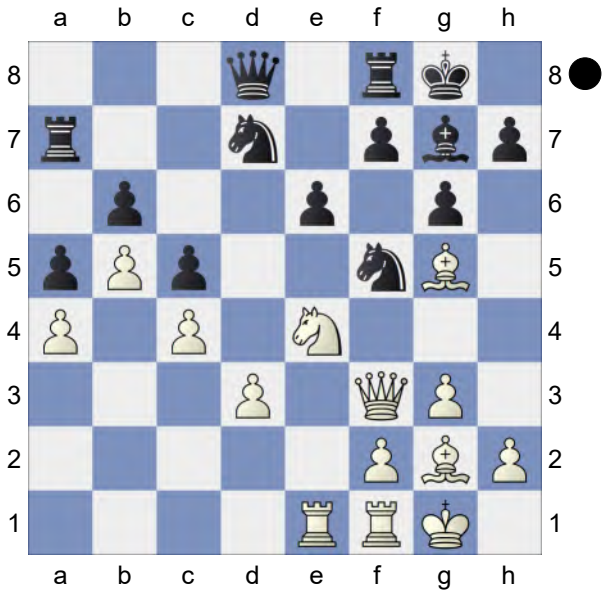
[43.Kg3∓ -1.06/18 h6 44.f5 Be5+ 45.Kxh3 Bxd6 46.Qb6 Nf4+ 47.Kh4]

43...h2 44.Kg2 -4.20/22
[44.Qc1 -2.41/24 was forced. Bg7 45.Qe1]
44...Nxf4+ 45.Kxh2 Bg7 46.Qc6 Ne6 47.Kh3 Be5 48.d7 Nf8 49.Kg4 Rxd7 50.Kf5 Bg7 aiming for ...Re7. **51.Qc5** Against Re7 **51...Rd8** Threatens to win with ...Re8. **52.Qc6** Inhibits Re8. **52...Ne6 53.Qb6 Re8 54.Qc6 Re7** White must now prevent ...Nf8. **55.Qc8+** -6.97/17
[⌓55.Qe4 -4.30/18]
55...Nf8 56.Qc2 Re5+ 57.Kg4 Ne6 58.Qc8+ Bf8 59.Kf3 Rxg5 60.Qa8 h5 61.Qa1 Kg7 62.Qh1 Bd6 63.Kf2 h4 64.Kf1 Bg3 65.Qe4 h3 66.Kg1 h2+ 67.Kh1 Bd6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

A09

□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2525**
■ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2605**
Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] ½-½]
4...b6N
[4...Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 f5 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 h6 13.Nc3 Ng6 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.b6 axb6 16.Nb5 Be7 17.Na7 bxa5 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Rxa5 Chapter 11-Game 5 Game 5 (48)]
5.g3 Bb7 6.Bg2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.a4 The position is equal. **8...a5** 0.28/19
[⌓8...Nd7 -0.15/18]
9.Bb2 -0.18/24
[⌓9.Ra3 0.28/19]
9...Nh6= 10.e3 0-0 11.exd4 Ra7 12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Bxd4 14.Rae1 e6 0.09/21
[14...Nd7!∓ -0.58/21]
15.Bc1 -0.41/22
[15.g4!= 0.09/21]
15...Nf5 16.Ne4 Bg7 -0.09/19
[16...h6∓ -0.42/19 should be considered.]
17.d3 -0.46/19
[17.g4!= -0.09/19 was preferrable. Nh4 18.Qe2]
17...Nd7
[17...Nd4!? 18.Qd1 h6=]
18.Bg5 -0.70/21
[18.g4= -0.24/19]

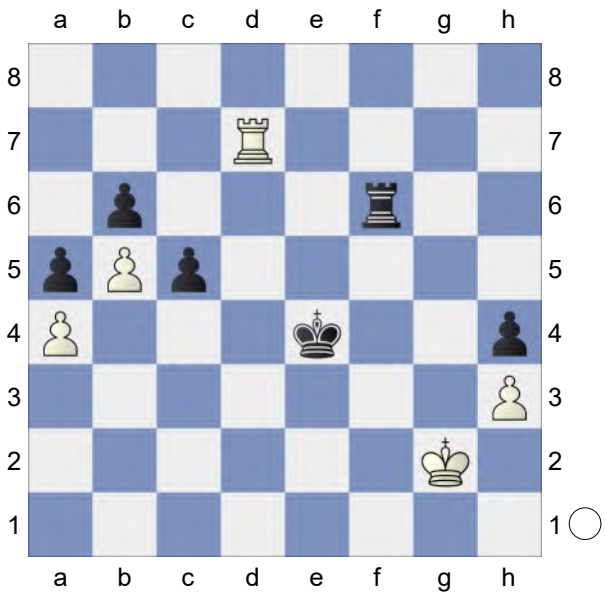


18...Ne5!∓ 19.Qf4 Qd4 20.Bf6 Bxf6
[20...Rc8!?]
21.Nxf6+ Kg7 22.Nh5+ gxh5

23.Qxe5+ Qxe5 24.Rxe5 Rd7 25.Be4! Ne7 And now ...Rfd8 would win. **26.Rxh5** -1.41/21
[26.f4= -0.15/20 remains equal.]
26...f5↑ White is under strong pressure. **27.Bg2 Rxd3 28.Re1 Rd6 29.h3 Ng6 30.g4?** -2.99/22
[30.Bf1∓ -1.35/18]
30...Nf4-+ 31.Rh4 Ng6 32.Rh5 h6 33.gxf5 exf5 34.Bd5 Nf4 35.Rh4
[Don't go for 35.Re7+? Kg6 36.Rh4 Kg5 37.Rxf4 Kxf4-+]
35...Nxd5 36.cxd5 Endgame KRR-KRR **36...Rff6** 0.02/25
[Inferior is 36...Rxd5 37.Re6∓]
[Black should play 36...Rh8∓ -1.33/20 White must now prevent ...Kf6. 37.Re5 Kf6]
37.Re7+ Kg6 38.Rf4? -2.05/22
[38.Re5= 0.06/20 and White stays safe.]
38...Rxd5 Hoping for ...Kg5. **39.Rf3?** -3.66/19
[39.Kg2∓ -1.46/19 keeps fighting.]
39...f4 40.Rb7 Rd4 41.Ra3 f3 42.Kh2 h5 43.Re3 -4.84/18
[⌓43.Re7 -3.26/17]
43...h4 Black is clearly winning.
[Don't blunder 43...Rxa4? 44.Re8-+]
44.Ree7 Rd2 45.Rg7+ Kf5 46.Kg1 Rd1+ 47.Kh2 Rf1 48.Rbd7 Rxf2+ 49.Kg1 Rg2+ 50.Rxg2 fxg2 51.Kxg2 KR-KR **51...Ke4**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...c4. **52.Rh7 c4 53.Rxh4+ Kd3 54.Rh8 Rd6** aiming for ...c3. **55.Rc8 c3 56.h4 c2** Strongly threatening ...Kd2. **57.h5 Kd2 58.h6 c1Q 59.h7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/



Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2783**
Wch Blitz St Petersburg (13) 30.12.2018
[Nielsen,Peter Heine]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
"There are many who have fantasies as to what is the best way to start the day. This is mine" **1.Nf3** Quintiliano,R **1...d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3!?** Quintiliano, R: '.' In the London WC-match, or by Giri himself vs. Magnus in Shamkir 2018, 4. g3 was the preferred move. Nost certainly Giri also has mapped this area out at home, but to remember how in a blitz game is a different matter. Quintiliano,R: 'This was the game which made me reconsider my evaluations of this line.
'
[4.Qb3±]
4...f6N Quintiliano,R: '?!'The most principal move, forcing events as else

black will just have a pleasant position with control of the d4-square. 4...Bb4 is the main, but basically any reasonable move is acceptable for Black.

[4...Bxf3 5.exf3 e6 *(5...a5 6.b5 Nd7 7.Bg2 e6 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.f4 Nc5 10.d3 Nfd7 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Nb3 0-0 13.Nxd4 Bf6 14.Be3 Qe7 15.Rc1 Qd6 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Bd4 18.Bxb7 Rad8 19.Bf3 Nc5 20.Re1* Miettinen,S (2606)-Osnos,V (2789) Budapest 2016 CBM 175 [Turnierbuch Kemeri 1937, 38] ½-½ (70) *)* 6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Cruzado Duenas, C (2569)-Talpak,T (2468) ICCF 2016 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Bellmann, Herbert] ½-½ Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8 21.Bh3 Bd6 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Bxf5 Ne6 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Rxe6 Kh8 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.gxf4 Nd6 28.Rxd6 Qg4+ 0-1 (28) Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022]

5.Bg2 Quintiliano,R: '!' **5...e5** **6.0-0** -0.20/22

[6.b5± 0.42/18]

6...Nd7 0.23/21

[⌓6...Bxb4 -0.20/22 7.Ne1 c6]

7.Qb3 a5! 8.e3!? Quintiliano,R: '!'. The position is equal.

[8.h3!? Be6 9.bxa5∓]

8...dxe3

[8...Bxb4 9.exd4 Nh6 10.Re1±]

9.fxe3 axb4 With the queen on d4, this would be the correct move, and e.g. played by Caruana; here, however, the small details are in White's favour: **10.d4!** Quintiliano,R: 'This move sets practical problems for Black in development.

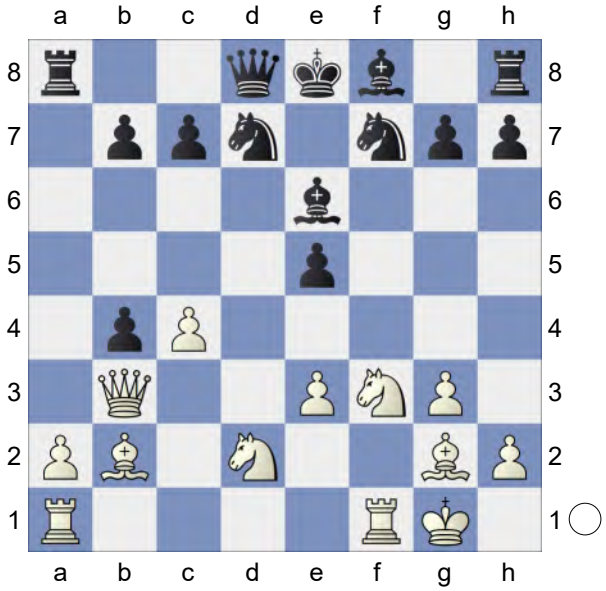
' **10...Be6** Again similar to Caruana's approach, but as ...d6 next now does not threaten White's queen, the difference is a full tempo. **11.Bb2** Quintiliano,R: '!' **11...Nh6** **12.dxe5** **fxe5** **13.Nbd2** Quintiliano,R: '!'Quintiliano,R: 'Carlsen keeps up his fast development while increasing the pressure in the centre, making Giri look for a refuge for his king on the queenside.

'

[13.Nxe5 -0.83/18 13.a3 -0.28 Quintiliano,R Nxe5! would be too much for Black to be able to hold 14.Bxe5? Quintiliano,R Ng4+- 15.Bd4 Quintiliano,R c5! and the problem of Black's king continues 16.Bb2!]

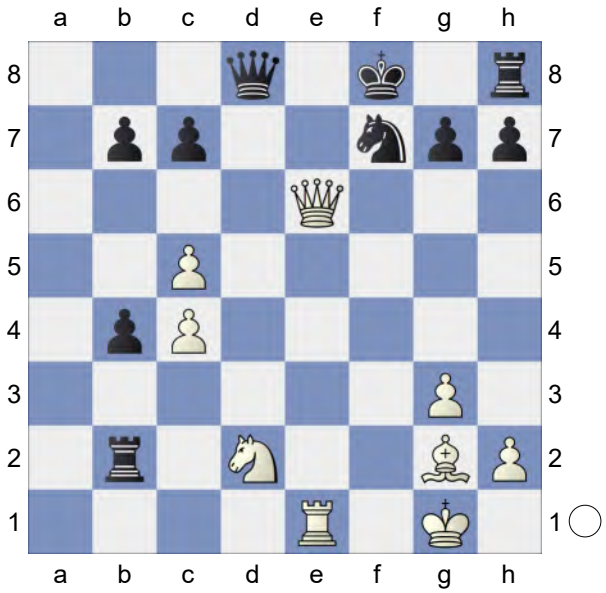
13...Nf7 0.01/17

[Black should try 13...Bd6∓ -0.65/19]

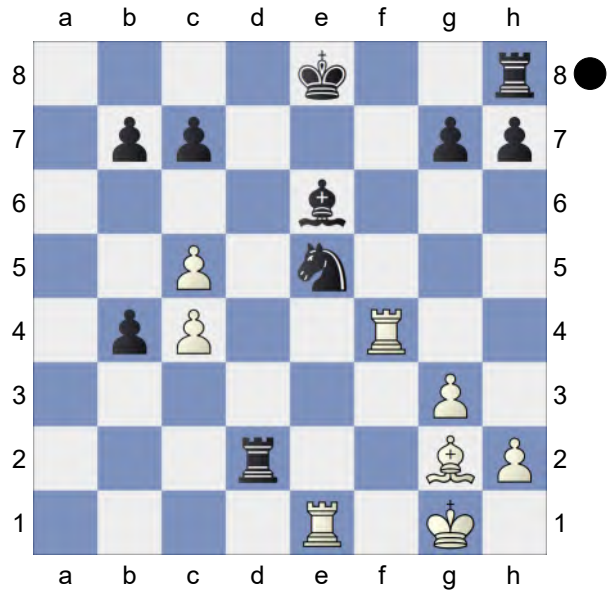


14.Nd4!= exd4 **15.exd4** **Nde5** 0.41/19 With a bit of good will, one could consider the structure similar to a wellknown line of the 5 Nc3 Petroff, but here the floodgates are open to Black's kingside and Magnus takes immediate action: Quintiliano,R: 'Actually, the queenside is not exactly the safest

place for the king, as we'll see.
' **16.Rae1** 0.01/19 Quintiliano,R: '!'
[16.Qe3 Be7! 17.Bxb7 *(17.dxe5 Bg5∓)* 17...Bg5=]
[16.Bxb7± 0.41/19 Ra5 17.Bg2]
16...Bc5 1.11/24 As both 16...b6 or 16...Kb8 is strongly answered by 17 c5! this is the only way to defend the pawn at a7.
17.Qe3? -1.29/21 Quintiliano,R: 'Carlsen calmly regoups his pieces targeting the black king.'
[17.Bd5!
A) 17...0-0 ...Bxd5 is the strong threat. 18.dxc5 *(18.Bxe6? -0.27/16 18.dxc5 1.39 Bxd4+)* 18...Re8 19.Nf3;
B) 17...0-0± 1.14/18 18.dxc5 Re8;
C) 17...Bxd5 1.87/17 18.cxd5+- Quintiliano,R: 'when Black's pieces just cause more trouble to his monarch' 0-0 Quintiliano,R. Threatens to win with ...Bb6. 19.dxc5]
[17.dxc5 0.13/18 17.Bd5 1.11 Qxd2
A) 18.c6 b5! 19.Bxe5 but after Quintiliano,R: 'White is better' 0-0! 20.Bf4 Qd4+! Black has very decent counterplay. 21.Rf2! was crushing, following it up with 24.Qa4 when Black's queenside collapses. There was a beautiful geometrical motif here: 21...Bxc4! Quintiliano,R 22.Qxb4 Rxa2! 0.43/18 *(22...Rae8= 0.10/19 23.h4 h6)* 23.Be3± Quintiliano,R Qd6;
B) 18.c6!? b5 19.Bxe5=;
C) Now Giri could have fought back with 18.Bxe5! Quintiliano,R: '!!' when White suddenly lacks a good square for his queen as 24.Qg3 is met by 24...Qd6! Quintiliano,R: 'was the impossible defence to be found, especially in a blitz game, even then after'Best would be 18...Rxa2 19.Qf3 0-0 *(19...Ng5!? 20.Qxb7 Nh3+ 21.Kh1 Nf2+ 22.Kg1 0-0 23.Bxc7 Qd4!=)* 20.Bd6!]
[17.Bd5± 1.11/24 is forced if you want to stay better. 0-0 18.dxc5]
17...Rxa2∓ **18.dxc5** -2.01/19 Obviously not exchanging queens, and renewing the threat to the a7-pawn.
[18.Rxf7∓ -1.53/19 Nxf7 19.Qxe6+ Be7 20.Bd5]
18...Rxb2-+ **19.Rxf7!** Exploiting the fact that 19...Qxa4 20 Ra1 Qd7 21 c5! is devastating, White now uses the a-pawn to break through to Black's vulnerable king. Quintiliano,R: 'White's play is at the same time easy and powerful.'
19...Qxd2
[19...Nxf7 is a self mate. 20.Qxe6+ Kf8



21.Bd5! Nh6 22.Rf1+]
[19...Kxf7 20.Qxe5 Qf6 21.Rf1 Rxd2 22.Bd5 Bxd5 23.cxd5=]
20.Qxd2 Quintiliano,R: '!'Quintiliano,R: 'Black just can not prevent the opening of lines on the queenside.' **20...Rxd2**
21.Rf4 -4.56/18
[21.Rxg7 -2.53/17 Rf8 22.Bxb7]



21...Nd3! **22.Rxe6+** Quintiliano,R: '!' Quintiliano,R: 'Carlsen keeps using his pawns to destroy the enemy's defences.' **22...Kd7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.26 (precise) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

[22...Kd7?! With his opponent short of time, Magnus commits a mistake. 23 Bb5! was crushing, following it up with 24 Qa4 when blacks queenside collapses. Now Giri could have fought back with 23...g5! whem white suddenly lacks a good square for his queen as 24 Qg3 is met by 24...Qd6! Best would be 24 Bxc6 gxf4 25 Bxf4 Rxc6 26 Rb8+ Kd7 27 Rxh8 but after 27...Rb6! 28 Ra8 Rb7! black has very decent counterplay. Giris mind however was maybe already at the upcoming interview, and things now finishes quickly: Quintiliano,R: 'Almost all White's forces are attacking the opponent's king, which even surrounded by friends looks unable to be defended.' 23.Rfe4? Hoping for Bh3. Giri's mind, however. was maybe already at the upcoming interview, and things now finishes quickly: 23...Rd1+ 24.Bf1 But here Black lost on time, not that it mattered as 25 Rb8+! wins on the spot as Black can't take the rook due to mate on a8, and 25...Kd7 26 Qa4+ also quickly ends the game.

While the performance at the board was somewhat sub-par, one has to respect Giri for using the break before the next round to give an interview to Norwegian channel NRK being his usual combattve self. Magnus on the other hand stayed quiet, getting himself ready for round 14. There was still a tournament to be won. Quintiliano,R: 'Giri resigned without waiting for the final blow' 24...b3]

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A09

□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2537**

■ **Gledura,B** **2644**

ChessKid Cup Play-In blitz (5.37) 1.5.23

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Be7N 0.55/20

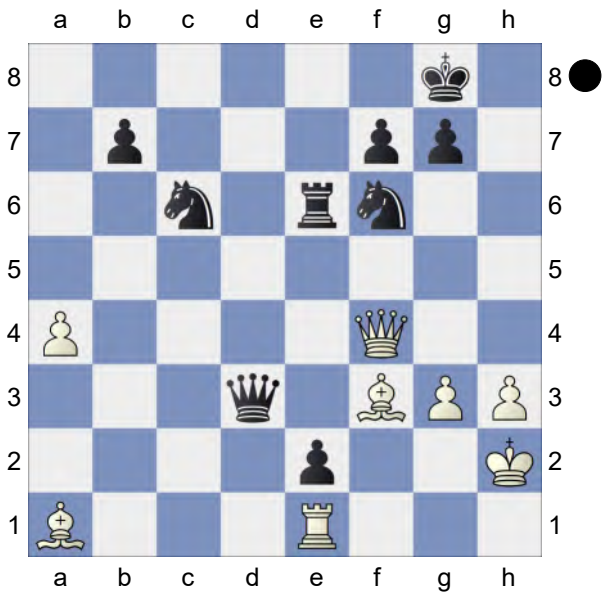
[7...cxb4= -0.11/18 8.e3 dxe3 *(8...Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3 Rad8 23.Nxb7* Henzler,S (2562)-Leonhardt,P (2461) Sarajevo 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/ Primel,D] 1-0 *Nxb7 24.Rxb7 Be4 25.Rxa7 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Nd5 27.a4*

h6 28.a5 0-1 (28) Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) Tomsk 2004 CBM 102 [Finkel,Alexander] *)*]
[7...Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½]

8.e3 White is slightly better. **8...0-0**
9.exd4 -0.44/19
[9.bxc5± 0.39/17 Nc6 10.exd4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4]
9...cxd4∓ 10.Re1 Bg4 ...e4 is the strong threat. **11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 e4 13.Qb3 Nc6! 14.c5**
[14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bxb4=]
14...Rfe8 -0.22/16
[14...a5∓ -0.64/19]
15.Na3= Bf8 16.Rac1 -0.42/19
[16.b5= -0.08/19 Na5 17.Qa4]
16...Rad8 0.10/19
[16...a5!∓ -0.42/19]
17.Nc4 -0.27/21
[⌓17.Rc4 0.10/19]
17...a6 18.a4 a5 0.58/20
[18...h5= -0.20/18]
19.bxa5 -0.40/18
[19.Nxa5!± 0.58/20 Nxa5 20.bxa5]
19...Bxc5∓ 20.Qb5 Ba7 -0.03/15
[20...Na7∓ -0.38/18 is superior. 21.Qb3 Nc6]
21.Nb6 -0.94/20
[21.d3= -0.03/15 remains equal.]
21...Re5 -0.18/17
[Better is 21...h5∓ -0.94/20 And now ...h4! would win. 22.Rc5 h4]
22.Rc5= Re6 23.Rc4 -1.71/19
[23.Nd5∓ -0.39/18 Rxd5 24.Rxd5]
23...h6 -1.08/18
[23...h5-+ -1.71/19 24.h4 Qd6]
24.Kh2 -2.04/18
[24.Rc5∓ -1.08/18 was called for.]
24...h5-+ 25.Rec1 -1.88/17
[25.d3∓ -1.56/15]
25...h4 -1.02/17
[Black should play 25...Qe7!-+ -1.88/17 Hoping for ...h4! 26.Kg1 Qe8]
26.Qg5? -3.33/20
[26.Bxd4∓ -1.02/17 hxg3+ 27.fxg3]
26...hxg3+ 27.fxg3 Bxb6 28.axb6 Qxb6 29.Ba1 -2.97/18
[29.Qb5 -2.01/20 might work better. Qa7 30.a5]
29...Rd5 30.Qf4 Qb3 31.Qf2 e3 -1.23/17
[31...Qd3-+ -3.03/18 is more deadly. White must now prevent ...Ne5. 32.R4c2 Qa3]
32.dxe3∓ dxe3 33.Qf4 -4.69/16
[33.Qc2∓ -1.30/19 Qxc2 34.R4xc2]
33...Rd2-+ 34.Kh1 -7.25/18
[⌓34.a5 -4.93/18]
34...Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Rxc1 -3.42/16
[⌓35...e2 -7.09/21 36.Bc3 Nh5]
36.Rxc1 e2 37.Re1 Qd3? -1.23/17
[37...Qd1-+ -3.21/22 has better winning chances. 38.Bc3 Nd5 39.Bxd5 Qxd5]
38.Bf3? -2.94/17
[38.Bxf6∓ -1.23/17 Rxf6 39.Qe4 Qxe4 40.Bxe4]

(Diagram)

38...Na5? -0.09/18
[38...Nb4!-+ -2.94/17 aiming for ...Nc2. 39.Qxb4 *(39.Bxf6? Rxf6 40.Bxe2 Rxf4-+)* 39...Qxf3]
39.Bxf6= Remove Defender **39...gxf6**
40.Kg2 Nc4 41.Qg4+ -0.92/17
[41.Kf2!= -0.08/17]



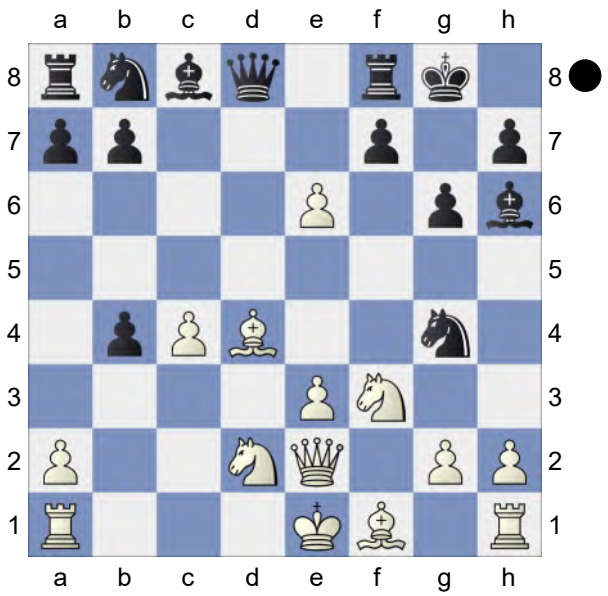
41...Kf8∓ 42.Qf4 Nd2 -0.07/21
[42...Re5∓ -0.99/16 Strongly threatening ...Rf5. 43.h4 *(43.Qxf6? Qd2-+)* 43...Re6]
43.Bxb7 -0.55/19
[43.Qb4+!= -0.07/21 is more appropriate. Kg7 44.Qg4+ Kf8 45.Qb4+ Re7 46.Bxe2]
43...Ne4 0.00/30
[43...Qc3∓ -0.55/19 44.Qf2 *(44.Bd5? Nf3-+)* 44...Qd3]
44.Bxe4= Really sharp! The position is equal. **44...Rxe4 45.Qxf6** Endgame KQR-KQR **45...Qd2 46.Qf2 Re6 47.a5 Qd5+ 48.Qf3 Qd2 49.Qf2 Qd5+ 50.Qf3 Qd2 51.Qf2** White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.53
½-½

A09
□ **Harika,Dronavalli** **2500**
■ **Ter Sahakyan,Samvel** **2649**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

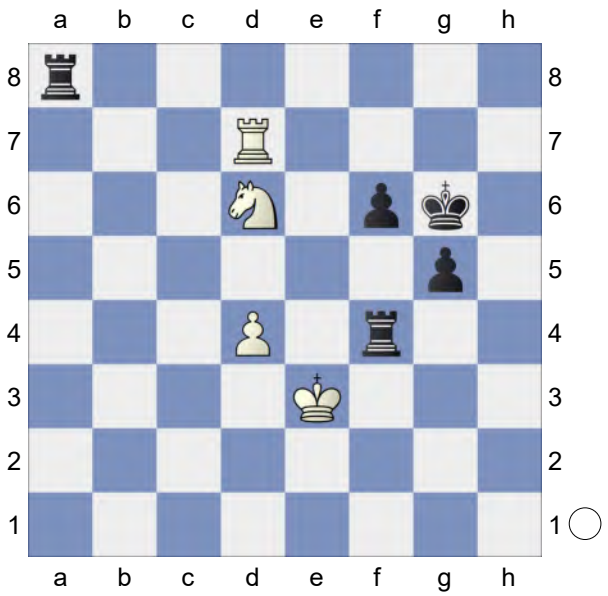
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bb2 dxe3! 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 g6 8.Nbd2N Black is slightly better.
[8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bf6 Bovay,J-Jachs,W Saint Petersburg 81/145 2019 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] ½-½ (40) 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kg4 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) 38.Rf1 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]
8...Bh6 9.Qe2 -1.50/21
[9.Qa4+∓ -0.65/17 Nbd7 10.Qxb4]
9...Ng4∓ 10.d5 0-0 11.Bd4 e5 12.dxe6? -3.21/21
[12.Nxe5∓ -1.31/18 Bxe3 13.Bxe3 Nxe5 14.h3]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **12...Bxe6 13.h3 Nf6** aiming for ...Nc6. **14.g4 Bg7 15.Bg2 Nc6 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Nd4**



Bd7 19.Qf2 -2.68/16
[⩲19.Rf4 -1.77/17]
19...Ne5-+ White must now prevent ... Nd3. **20.Qe2** Against Nd3 **20...Bc6** -1.90/16
[⩲20...h5 -3.33/16 21.gxh5 Nxh5]
21.a3 -3.32/17
[⩲21.Nxc6 -1.90/16 Nxc6 22.Rad1]
21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 h5 23.Rxf6 Qxf6
[23...Bxf6? is the wrong capture. 24.gxh5 Nc6 25.Qf2-+]
24.axb4 hxg4 25.hxg4 Qh4 26.Rxa7 -5.59/17
[26.Rh1 -3.91/15 keeps fighting. Qxg4+ 27.Qxg4 Nxg4 28.Kf3 Ne5+ 29.Ke2]
26...Qxg4+ 27.Qxg4 Nxg4 28.Kf3 Ne5+ 29.Ke2 Ra8 30.Rxb7 Ra2 31.Bc3 Nxc4 32.Rc7 Nb6 Hoping for ... Re8. **33.b5** -4.52/16
[⩲33.Kd3 -2.91/16]
33...Nd5 34.Rc5 Nxc3+ 35.Rxc3 Bxd4 36.exd4 Endgame KRR-KRN **36...Rb2 37.Kd3 Rxb5** Black is clearly winning. **38.Ne4 Kg7 39.Rc7 Rf5 40.Nd6 Rf6 41.Rd7 g5 42.Ke4 Kg6** ...g4 is the strong threat. **43.Nc4 Rf4+ 44.Ke3 f6** Prevents Ne5+. **45.Nd6 Ra8**



Threatens to win with ...Ra3+. **46.Kd3 Ra3+ 47.Kc4 Ra4+ 48.Kc5 Raxd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2500**
■ **Ter Sahakyan,S** **2649**
Chessable Masters Play-In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bb2 dxe3! 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 g6 8.Nbd2N -0.70/17
[8.a3= -0.25/19]
[8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bf6 Bovay,J-Jachs,W Saint Petersburg 81/145 2019 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] ½-½ (40) 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7

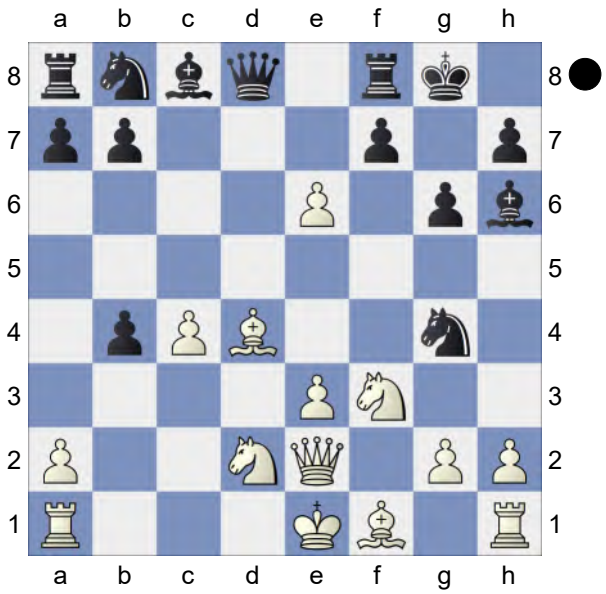
27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kg4 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) 38.Rf1 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]

8...Bh6∓ 9.Qe2 -1.64/19

[White should play 9.Qa4+∓ -0.63/18 Nbd7 10.Qxb4]

9...Ng4 10.d5 0-0 11.Bd4 e5 12.dxe6? -3.34/21

[12.Nxe5∓ -1.54/17 Bxe3 13.Bxe3 Nxe5 14.h3]



12...Bxe6 13.h3 Nf6 14.g4 Bg7 15.Bg2 Nc6 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Qf2 -2.81/17

[19.Rf4 -1.91/18 was worth a try.]

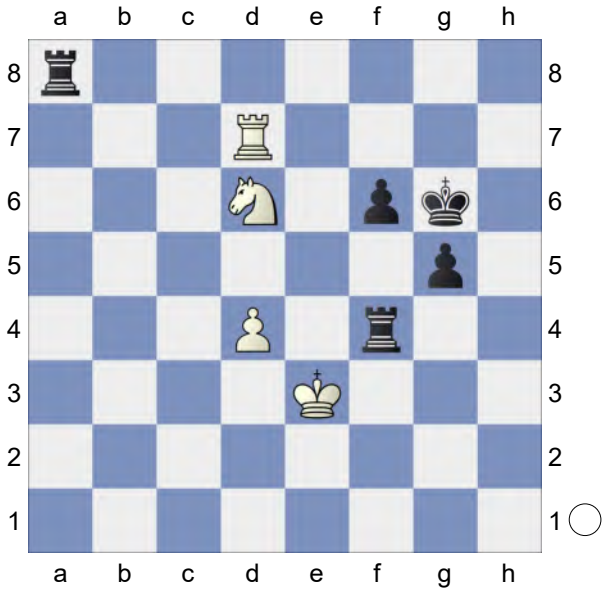
19...Ne5-+ Hoping for ...Nd3. **20.Qe2** Inhibits Nd3. **20...Bc6 21.a3** -3.38/18

[21.Nxc6 -2.01/16 was necessary. Nxc6 22.Rad1]

21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 h5 23.Rxf6 Qxf6 24.axb4 hxg4 25.hxg4 Qh4 26.Rxa7 Qxg4+ 27.Qxg4 Nxg4 28.Kf3 Ne5+ 29.Ke2 Ra8 30.Rxb7 Ra2 31.Bc3 Nxc4 32.Rc7 Nb6 And now ...Re8 would win. **33.b5?** -4.95/19

[33.Kd3 -2.91/16]

33...Nd5 34.Rc5 Nxc3+ 35.Rxc3 Bxd4 36.exd4 Endgame KRR-KRN **36...Rb2 37.Kd3** Black is clearly winning. **37...Rxb5 38.Ne4 Kg7 39.Rc7 Rf5 40.Nd6 Rf6 41.Rd7 g5 42.Ke4 Kg6** ...g4 is the strong threat. **43.Nc4 Rf4+ 44.Ke3 f6** Against Ne5+ **45.Nd6 Ra8**



Threatens to win with ...Ra3+. **46.Kd3 Ra3+ 47.Kc4 Ra4+ 48.Kc5 Raxd4** White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.19 (very precise)

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A09

□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2564**

■ **Harsha,B** **2563**

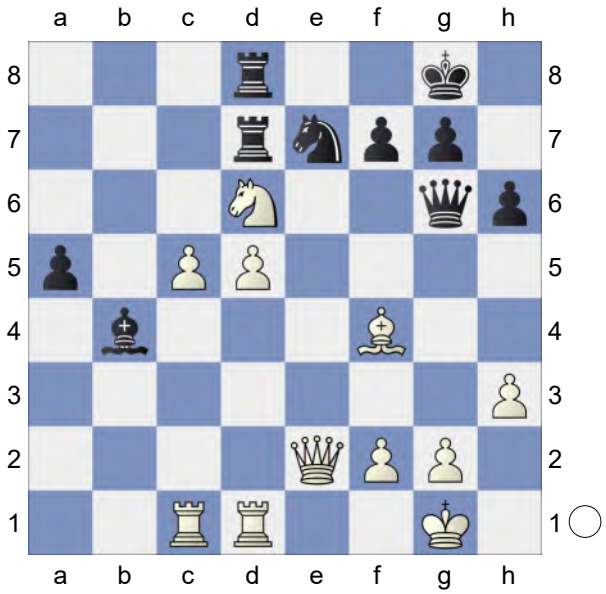
FIDE World Cup 2023 (1.2) 31.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 Nf6

5.exd4N
[5.Bb2 dxe3 6.fxe3 cxb4 7.d4 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 a5 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Bb1 b6 15.Na2 Nxa2 16.Bxa2 Bf5 17.Ne5 Be4 18.d5 Qd6 19.Qh4 Bf5 Adams,M (2728)-Hess,R (2635) Wheeling USA 2012 [Mikhalevski, V] ½-½ (40) 20.Nc6 Bd7 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Rd3 Bf6 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 a4 26.Kf1 Rc7 27.Ke2 Rac8 28.Ba3 Ne5 29.Rdc3 Kg7 30.Kd2 h5 31.R3c2 Kh7 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.R3c2 Bf5 34.Nxf5+ gxf5 Bovay,J-Jachs,W Saint Petersburg 81/145 2019 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] ½-½ (40) 35.Ke2 Kg6 36.Kd2 Kg5 37.Ke2 Kg4 38.Rf1 Kg5 39.Rfc1 Kg4 40.Rf1 Kg5 ½-½ (40) Adams,M-Howell,D 4: British Knockout Championship 2019 MBM: The Réti [Sam Collins]]
5...cxd4 6.Bb2 e5 7.Nxe5 Nc6 0.36/20
[7...Bxb4∓ -0.40/18 8.Qa4+ Nfd7]
8.Nxc6!± White is slightly better.
8...bxc6 9.a3 c5 0.49/21
[9...a5= 0.18/19]
10.Be2 Bd6 11.d3 0-0 12.Nd2 cxb4 13.axb4
[Don't play 13.Bxd4 bxa3 14.Be3 Bb7=]
13...Bxb4 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Nb3 Rd8
[15...Bc3 16.Bxc3 dxc3 17.Qc2±]
16.Qc2 0.26/21
[16.Ra2!± 0.70/20]
16...Bg4 17.c5 Qe6 18.Bxg4 Nxg4 19.h3
[19.Bxd4 seems wilder. a5 20.Ra4 Rd5 21.h3]
19...Ne5 20.Bxd4 Nc6 21.Be3↑ White is pushing. **21...a5 22.Rfd1 Rd7** 1.18/20
[22...Qf5± 0.52/19]
23.Nd2 Rad8 1.36/21
[⌓23...Bxd2 0.94/19 24.Qxd2 *(24.Bxd2 Nd4±)* 24...Qd5]
24.Nc4 0.90/21
[Better is 24.Nf3 1.36/21]
24...Qg6 1.69/18
[24...f5± 0.90/21]
25.Nd6+- Ne5 2.86/21
[25...Ne7 1.62/19 keeps fighting. 26.Rdc1 Nd5]
26.Qe2 Nc6 27.d4 Ne7 28.d5 Inhibits Qe6. **28...Bc3 29.Rac1 Bb4 30.Bf4 h6**



31.c6!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2539**
■ **Bartel,Mat** **2614**
Jana Maciei Mem 2023 blitz (11.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

4...h6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d3 Na6 1.08/21

[6...e5± 0.48/21]

7.Qb3 0.51/21

[White should try 7.Qa4+± 1.08/21 Bd7 8.Qa3]

7...e5± 8.Ba3 White is slightly better.

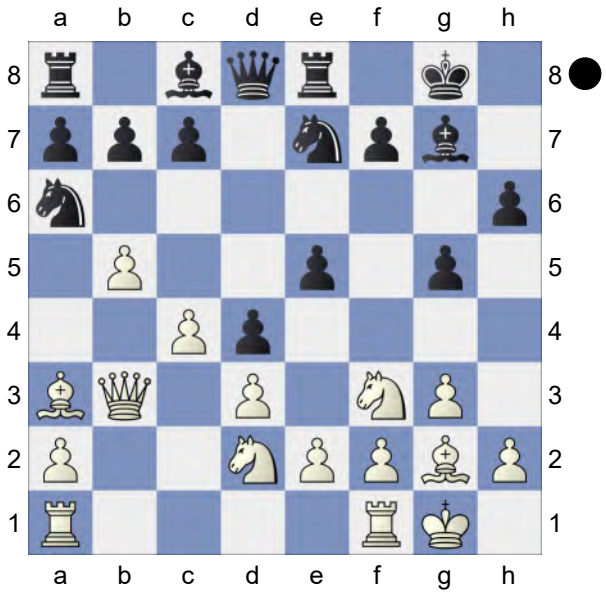
8...Ne7 9.Nbd2 0-0

[9...g4 10.Nh4±]

10.0-0 Re8 11.b5

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Bxe7. **11...Nb8 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.Rae1** 0.00/24



[13.Nfd2± 0.47/21]

13...Ng6 0.36/23

[13...a6= 0.00/24]

14.e3 Ndf8 15.exd4 exd4 16.Nfd2 Rb8 17.Nc5 Rxe1 18.Rxe1 b6 19.Na6 Bxa6 20.bxa6 c5 21.Bc1 Nd7 0.94/22

[21...Qc8± 0.54/21]

22.Ne4 0.31/23 &Bianco is more active.

[22.a4± 0.94/22]

22...Qc7 23.a4 f5 24.Nd2 Nde5 0.90/24

[24...Be5!± 0.38/19]

25.Nf3 0.18/20

[25.Bd5+± 0.90/24 Kh7 26.Nf3]

25...Nc6 1.49/20

[25...Nf7!= 0.18/20]

(Diagram)

26.Qb5!± Nxg5! is the strong threat.

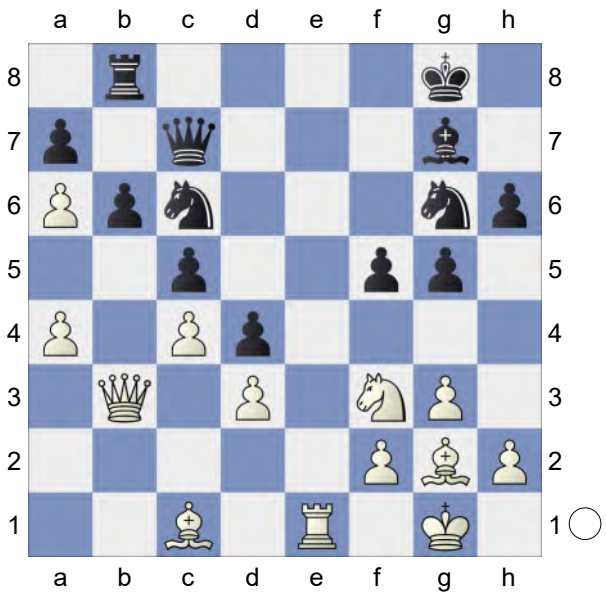
26...Nb4 27.Bd2

[Not 27.Re8+ Rxe8 28.Qxe8+ Nf8∓]

27...Nxd3 28.Re6 Nde5 4.35/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[28...Nf8± 1.46/23 might work better. 29.Re2 Kh8]

29.Nxe5+- Nxe5 30.f4 Nf7 4.94/22



[30...gxf4 3.45/21 is a better defense. 31.Bd5 Kf8 32.Bxf4 d3]

31.Bd5 Kh7 7.40/21

[⌓31...d3 4.37/16 32.Qb3 Qd7 33.Qxd3 Bd4+ 34.Kg2 Re8]

32.Qb1 Nd6 33.fxg5 hxg5 34.Bxg5 aiming for Qf1. This bishop pair is nice.

34...Re8 35.Rxe8 Nxe8 36.Qxf5+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.60

1-0

A09

□ **Chigaev,M** **2632**
■ **Petrov,N** **2553**
Ugra Cup Rapid 2022 (8.3) 27.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.a4N**

[9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Bh7 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

9...Ng6 10.b5 f5 11.a5 a6 12.Nb3 axb5 13.cxb5 Be6 14.0-0 Bd5!

15.Bd2 -0.24/19

[⌓15.Qc2 0.16/23]

15...c6= 16.Bb4 Re8 -0.20/20

[16...Rf7!∓ -0.67/23 17.b6 Na6]

17.b6 Na6 18.Ba3 h5 19.Qc2 -0.57/20

[19.Nc5= -0.16/22 Nxc5 20.Bxc5]

19...g4 20.hxg4 hxg4 21.Nfd2 -1.22/23

[Better is 21.Nh2!∓ -0.48/19]

21...Qg5∓ And now ...Qh6 would win.

22.Nc5 Nxc5 23.Bxc5 -1.55/23

[White should try 23.Bxd5+ -0.82/22 cxd5 24.Bxc5]

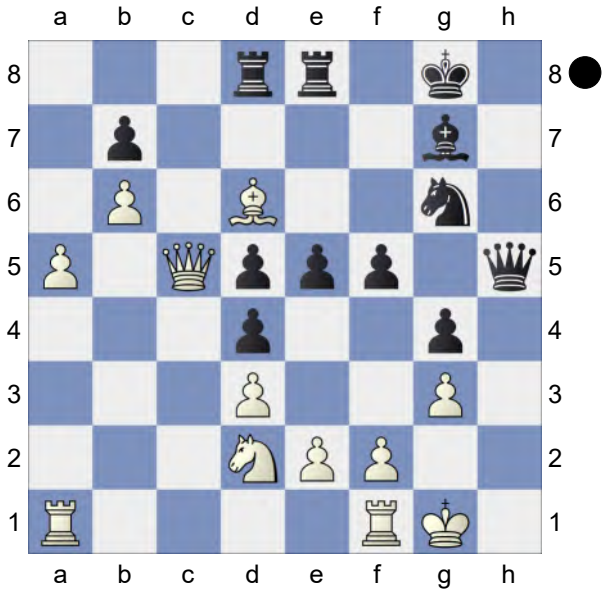
23...Qh5 -1.21/23

[Black should play 23...Qh6 -1.55/23 Threatens to win with ...Bxg2. 24.e4 dxe3 25.fxe3 *(25.Bxd5+? cxd5 26.fxe3 f4-+)* 25...f4]

24.Bxd5+ -1.87/17

[24.e4∓ -1.21/23 dxe3 25.fxe3 *(25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.fxe3 e4-+)*]

24...cxd5-+ 25.Bd6 aiming for Qa2.
25...Rad8 26.Qc5



Re6!→ Black is out for blood. **27.a6?** -5.86/20
[27.Qxd5 -1.71/16 nothing else works. Rdxd6 28.Qxb7]
27...Rdxd6 28.axb7 -#15/20
[28.a7-+ -5.05/17 Nf4 29.a8Q+ Kh7 30.Qg8+ *(30.gxf4* gets mated. *Rh6)* 30...Kxg8 31.Qc8+ Bf8 32.Rfc1 Rh6 33.Qxf8+ Kxf8 34.Ra8+ Ke7 35.Rc7+ Rd7 36.Re8+ Kxe8 37.Rc8+ Rd8 38.Rxd8+ Kxd8 39.f3 Qh1+ 40.Kf2 Nh3#]

(Diagram)

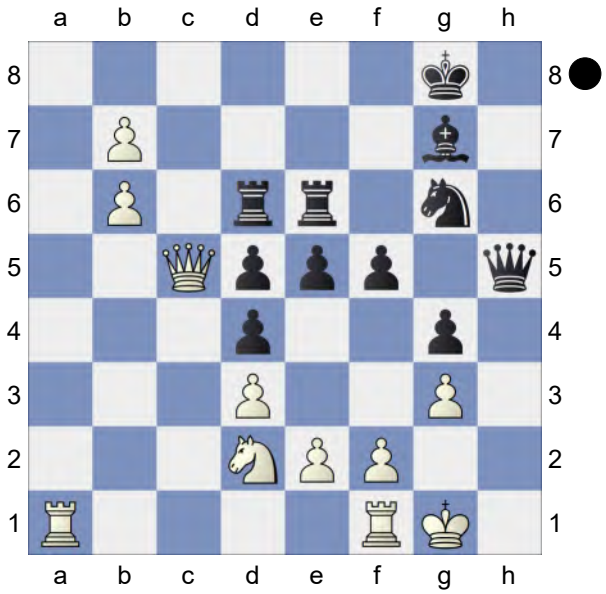
28...Nf4! Black mates. **29.b8Q+**

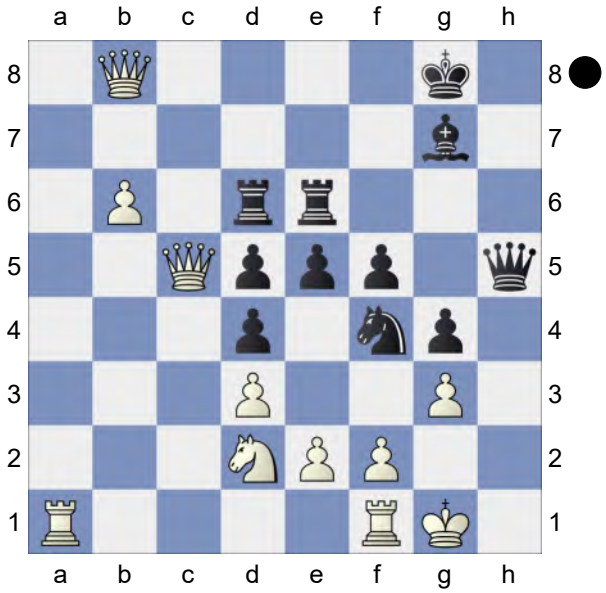
(Diagram)

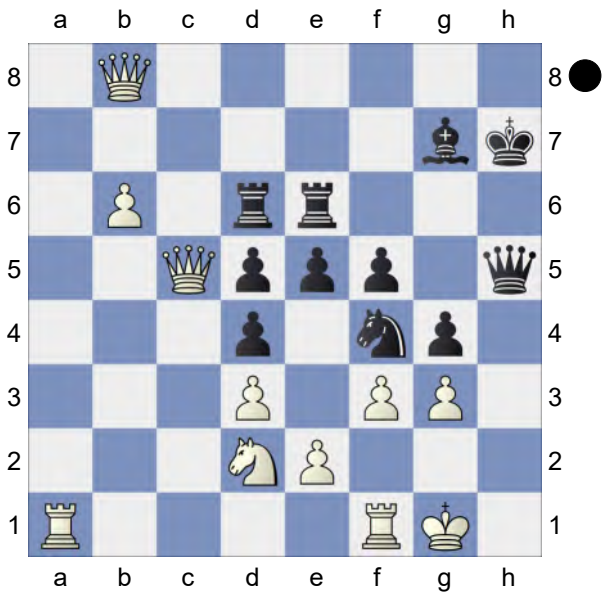
Kh7! 30.f3

(Diagram)

Rh6! 31.Kf2
[31.Qh8+ Kxh8]







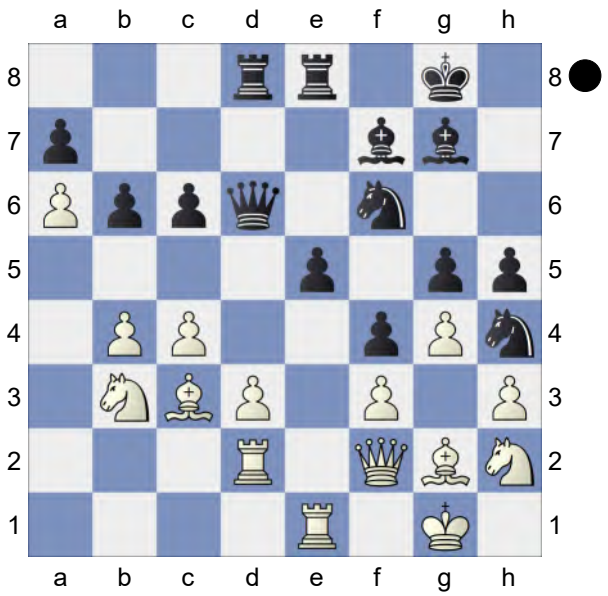
31...Qh2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

A09
□ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2554**
■ **Hong,Andrew Z** **2542**
Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7 5.d3 h6! 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2N
[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic, Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal, F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
7...Ne7 **8.0-0** The position is equal.
8...0-0 9.Nbd2 f5 10.a4 Be6 11.a5 Nd7 12.a6 -0.46/25
[12.Re1= -0.10/24]
12...b6 13.Nb3 -0.78/23
[13.b5∓ -0.45/22]
13...c6 14.Ra2 Qe8 15.Nh2 -1.31/21
[15.Re1∓ -0.66/23]
15...Rd8∓ 16.e3 dxe3 17.Bxe3 Nf6 18.Qe2 Ng6 19.Bc1 Qd7 20.Rd2 f4 21.g4 Nh4 22.Bb2? -3.86/23
[22.Bh1 -1.81/20]
22...h5? -0.48/24
[22...Nxg2-+ -3.86/23 23.Kxg2 Nxg4!]
23.f3 -1.60/22
[23.Qxe5∓ -0.48/24 Nxg4 24.Qxg5 Nxh2 25.Kxh2]
23...Rfe8
[23...Nxg2 24.Qxg2 hxg4 25.hxg4∓]
24.Re1 Bf7 25.Qf2 -2.59/23
[25.Bc3∓ -1.44/21]
25...Qd6-+ 26.Bc3

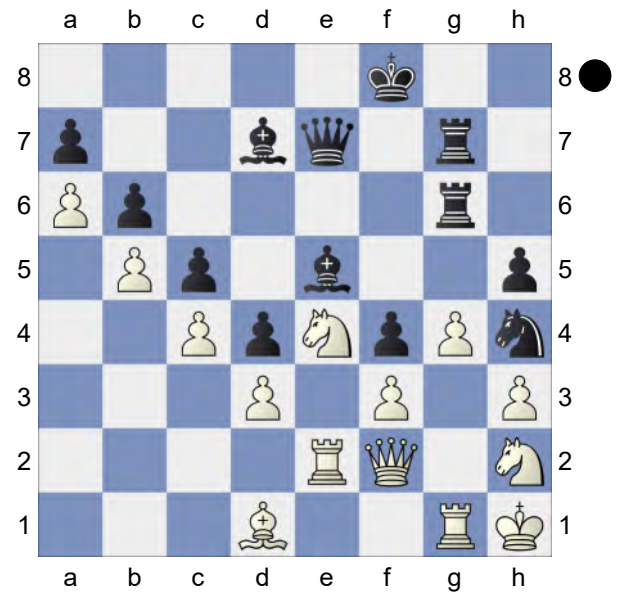
(Diagram)

Kh8? -1.07/26
[26...Nd5!-+ -2.78/22 has better winning chances. 27.cxd5 e4 28.Bxg7 e3]

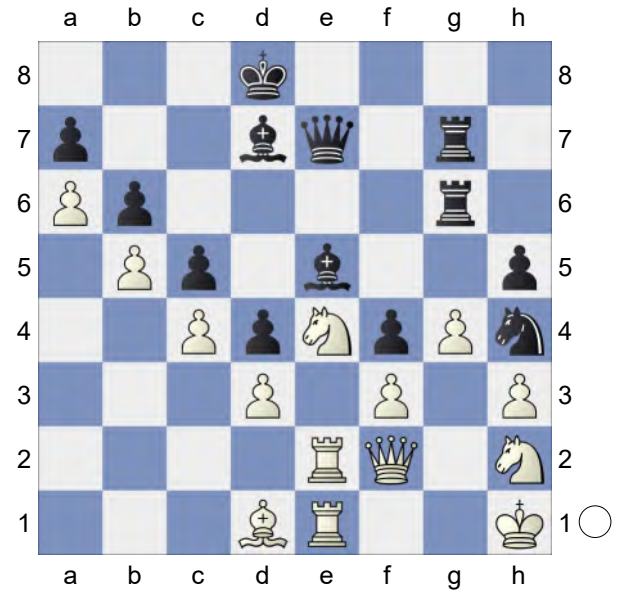


27.Bf1∓ Qc7 28.Rdd1 Bg6 29.Qb2! Nd7 30.Be2 -1.23/22
[30.d4!∓ -0.59/21]
30...c5 31.b5 Nf8 32.Nd2 Ne6
&Nero is more active.
[32...Bxd3 33.Bxd3 Rxd3 34.Qc2 Rxc3 35.Qxc3]
33.Ne4 Nd4 34.Nxg5? -3.01/25
[34.gxh5∓ -1.29/21 Bxh5 35.Rf1]
34...Qd7? -0.64/22
[Black should try 34...hxg4-+ -3.01/25 35.Bxd4 Rxd4 36.hxg4 e4]
35.Ne4∓ Rg8 36.Bxd4 exd4 37.Rf1 -1.44/22
[37.Qd2∓ -0.35/22]
37...Be5 -0.94/25
[⌓37...hxg4! -1.44/22 38.hxg4 *(38.Nxg4 Nf5=)* 38...Bxe4 39.fxe4 Be5]
38.Rf2 -1.44/20
[⌓38.Rde1 -0.94/25]
38...Rdf8 -1.06/20
[⌓38...Qe7 -1.44/20 ...Bxe4 is the strong threat. 39.Qd2 Bh7]
39.Qd2 Rg7 -0.86/23
[⌓39...Bh7 -1.29/25]
40.Kh1 -1.33/21
[Better is 40.Bf1 -0.86/23]
40...Rfg8 -0.61/22
[Black should play 40...Qe7∓ -1.33/21]
41.Rg1 Qe7 Black has compensation.
42.Qe1 Be8 43.Rff1 Bd7 44.Qf2 Rg6 45.Qe1
[45.gxh5? Rg3! 46.Ng4 *(46.Nxg3? fxg3 47.Ng4 gxf2-+)* 46...Bxg4 47.hxg4 Rh3+ 48.Qh2 Rxh2+ 49.Kxh2 Nf5!-+]
45...Kh7 0.00/29
[45...Bc7∓ -0.48/26 should be considered.]
46.Qf2 -0.47/25
[46.Bd1!= 0.00/29]
46...R6g7 -0.08/23
[46...Kh8∓ -0.47/25 is superior.]
47.Qe1 -0.43/25
[47.Re1= -0.08/23 feels stronger.]
47...Rg6 0.00/26
[47...Bb8∓ -0.43/25]
48.Qf2 -0.45/26
[48.Bd1!= 0.00/26]
48...R8g7 -0.13/25
[48...Kh8∓ -0.45/26]
49.Re1
[49.gxh5? Rg3! 50.Ng4 *(50.Nxg3? fxg3 51.Qe1 g2+ 52.Rxg2 Nxg2-+)* 50...Rxh3+ 51.Nh2 Nf5-+]
49...Kg8 0.00/24
[49...Bc8∓ -0.40/21]
50.Bd1!=
[50.gxh5 Rg3! 51.Bd1 *(51.Nxg3? fxg3 52.Qf1 g2+ 53.Rxg2 Rxg2-+)* 51...Qf7-+]
50...Kf8 51.Re2 -0.45/21
[51.gxh5 Rg2 52.h6 *(52.Rxg2 Rxg2 53.Qf1 Bxh3∓)* 52...R7g6 53.Rxg2 Rxg2∓]
[51.Nd2= 0.00/21 Re6 52.Bb3 *(52.gxh5 Rh7∓)*]

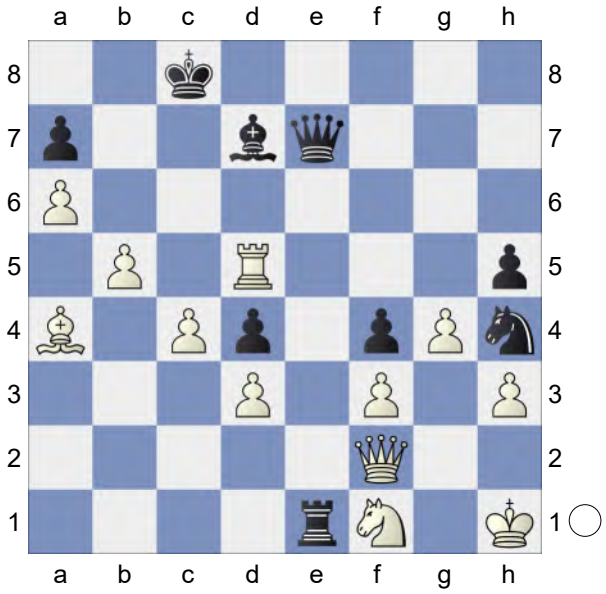
(Diagram)



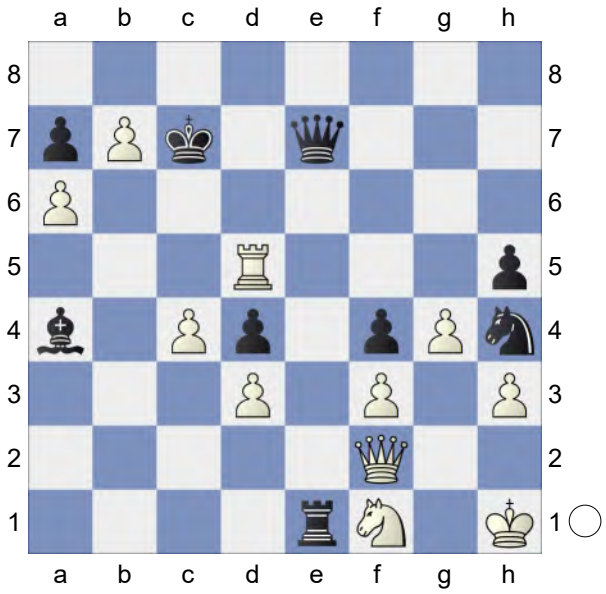
51...Ke8? 1.40/25
[51...Nf5!∓ -0.45/21 keeps the upper hand.]
52.Rge1↑ Hoping for Nxc5! White is on the roll. **52...Kd8?** 5.27/25
[52...Re6± 1.17/21]
53.Nd2 Rg5? 5.16/22
[53...Re6 3.08/19 54.Rxe5 *(54.gxh5 Nf5∓)* 54...Rxe5 55.Rxe5 Qxe5]
54.Ne4 R5g6



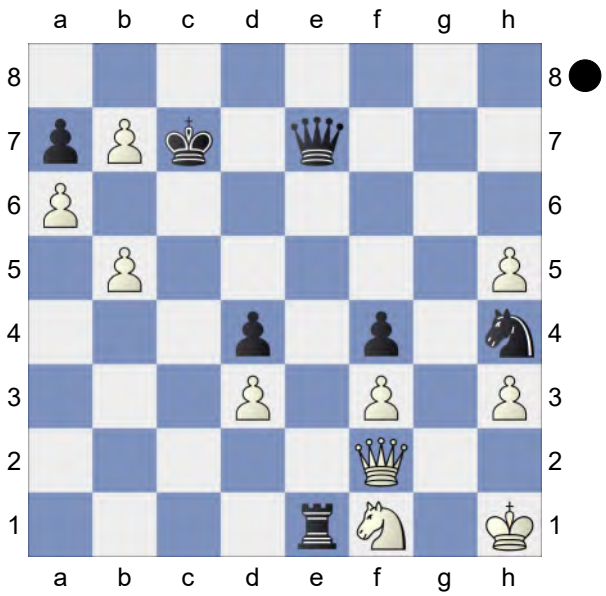
55.Nxc5! bxc5
[55...hxg4 56.Nxg4]
56.Rxe5 Qf6 57.Rxc5 Re7 58.Rxe7 Qxe7 59.Rd5 Re6 60.Nf1 Re1 61.Ba4 aiming for b6! **61...Kc8**



62.b6! Bxa4 63.b7+
[63.Rxh5 axb6 64.Rxh4 Rxf1+ 65.Qxf1 Qxh4=]
63...Kc7



And now ...Bc6 would win. **64.Rxd4?** 1.06/21
[Less strong is 64.Rxh5 Ng6±]
[Not 64.gxh5? Bc6 65.Rb5 *(65.Rxd4* gets mated. *Bxf3+ 66.Kh2 Re2 67.Kg1 Rxf2 68.b8B+ Kxb8)* 65...Bxb5 66.cxb5



Qe6! 67.b6+ axb6 68.Qc2+ Kb8 69.Qc8+ Qxc8 70.bxc8Q+ Kxc8-+]
[64.Rc5+!+- 3.12/24 is the precise move to win. Qxc5 65.Qxe1 Nxf3 66.Qe4]
64...Qe3? #4/15 **65.Qxe3??** -6.55/24
[65.b8Q+ #4/15 is the narrow road to win. Kxb8 66.Qb2+ Bb5 67.Qxb5+ Kc8 68.Qb7#]
65...fxe3 A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.59
0-1

A09
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R** **2608**
chess.com Junior Speed blitz (1.23)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.h3
[5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]
5...h6 6.e3N
[6.d3 c5 7.bxc5 e5 8.g3 Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne1 h5 13.e3 Ng6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7 16.Nef3 Bf6 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Rbe8 20.Qd2 Qd8 Mirkovic,S (2241)-Rajkovic,M (2275) Srbija 130/5 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan] 1-0 (37) 21.Nbxd4 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxb7+ Re7 24.Nxg5+ Kf6 25.Nxe6 Rxe6 26.Rxe6+ Nxe6 27.Bd5 Ne5 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Qh6+ Ng6 30.Bxe6 Re7 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Bd5 Qxc5 33.Qxh5 Qe7 34.h4 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Qd2 Chapter A00-Games Game 5 (37)]
[6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]
6...e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.exd4 Black is slightly better. **8...exd4 9.Be2 0-0**
[9...a5!?]
10.Nbd2 a5 11.b5 a4 -0.08/26
[11...c5∓ -0.57/22 is superior.]
12.0-0 a3 13.Bc1 f5 14.Nb3 Ng6 15.Nfd2 -0.93/19
[15.Ne1= 0.00/22]
15...Nf4 -0.02/21 &Nero is more active.
[15...Nd7∓ -0.93/19]
16.Re1!= g4 0.74/22
[16...Nd7= 0.08/23 remains equal.]
17.Bf1 -0.23/22
[17.Nf1!± 0.74/22 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2]
17...gxh3 0.72/21
[17...Qh4 18.Nb1 *(18.hxg4 fxg4*

19.Ne4 Ng6=) 18...Nh5 19.Bxa3 gxh3 20.Qf3 *(20.gxh3 Rf6=; 20.Bxf8 h2+ 21.Kh1 Qxf2=)* 20...hxg2 21.Bxg2 *(21.Qxg2 Rxa3 22.Nxa3 Nd7±)* 21...Rxa3 22.Nxa3= *(22.Qd5+? Kh8-+)*]

[17...Nd7= -0.23/22]

18.g3!± Ng2 19.Bxg2 hxg2 20.Qh5 0.37/24

[20.Kxg2 f4±]

[20.Nf3!± 1.46/22]

20...b6? 2.16/21

[20...f4 21.Ne4 fxg3 22.fxg3+-]

[20...Qg5!± 0.37/24 21.Qf3 *(21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Nf3 f4=)* 21...Qg4]

21.Nf3!+- White has strong compensation.

[21.Kxg2?! Qf6±]

21...Bb7? 4.26/21

[21...Qf6 2.33/19 22.Ne5 *(22.Kxg2 Nd7±)* 22...Nd7]

22.Bf4 Nd7 23.Nh4 Qf6 24.Re2! Qf7 2.85/22

[24...c5 1.93/23 was necessary. 25.Rae1 Qf7 26.Qxf7+ Rxf7]

25.Qxf7+ Rxf7 26.Rae1? 0.72/18

[26.Bxc7+- 2.48/21 and the rest is easy. aiming for Rae1. Be4 27.Rd1 *(27.dxe4 d3+-)*]

26...Bf6? 3.74/21

[26...c6± 0.72/18]

27.Nxf5 Kh7 28.Nxh6 Pair of Knights!

28...Rg7 29.Re6 2.01/19

[⌓29.Nf5 3.59/22]

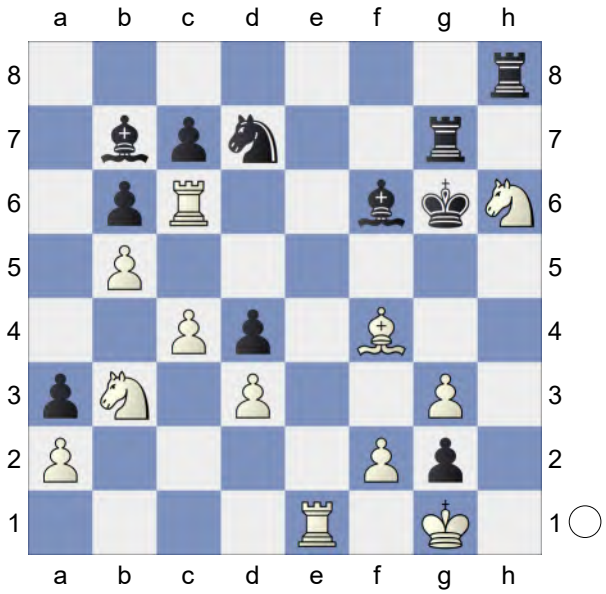
29...Rh8 30.Rc6? 0.34/23 **Kg6** 1.82/25

[30...Bxc6± 0.34/23 31.bxc6 Nc5 32.Nxc5 bxc5]

(Diagram)

31.Ng4?? -5.27/21

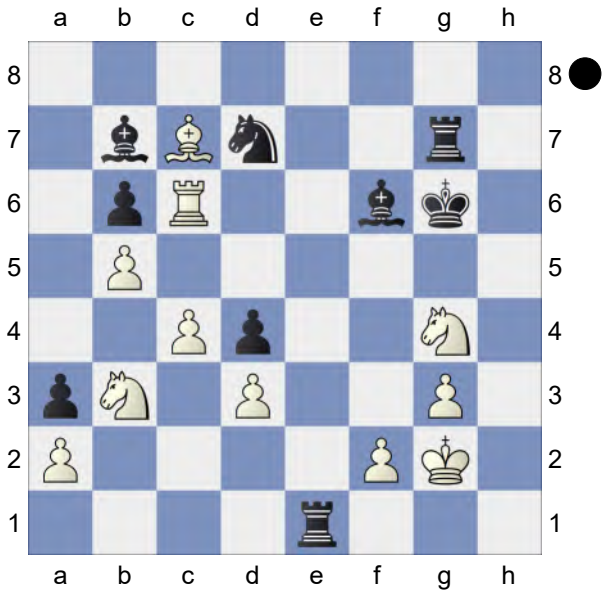
[Not 31.Kxg2 Rxh6 32.Bxh6 Kxh6=]



[But not 31.Rxc7? Ne5 32.Bxe5 *(32.Rxg7+? Bxg7 33.Nxd4 Bxh6-+)* 32...Rxc7 33.Bxf6 *(33.Bxc7?* is the wrong capture. *Rxh6 34.Re4 Rh1+ 35.Kxg2 Rb1-+)* 33...Kxf6 34.Nxd4 Bc8 35.Kxg2 Rxh6-+]

[31.Ree6!+- 1.82/25 and life is good for White. Bxc6 32.bxc6]

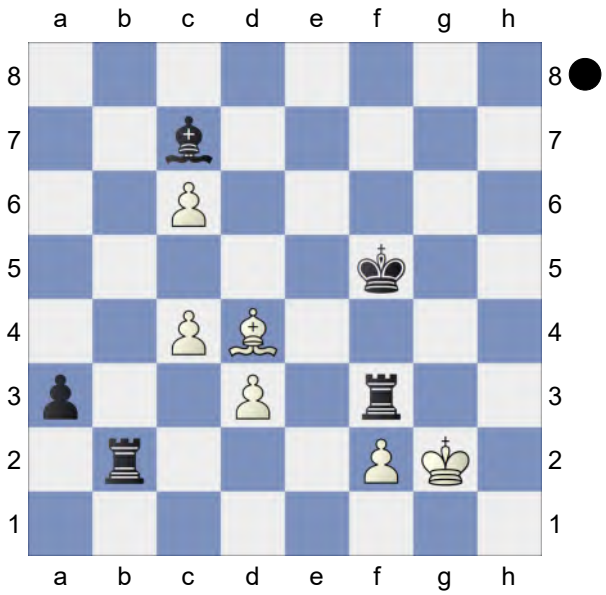
31...Rh1+-+ Skewer **32.Kxg2 Rxe1 33.Bxc7**



Nc5! 34.Nxc5 bxc5 35.Bf4 Bxc6+ 36.bxc6 Bd8 37.Ne5+ Kf5 38.Nd7 Re2 39.Nxc5 Rxa2 Strongly

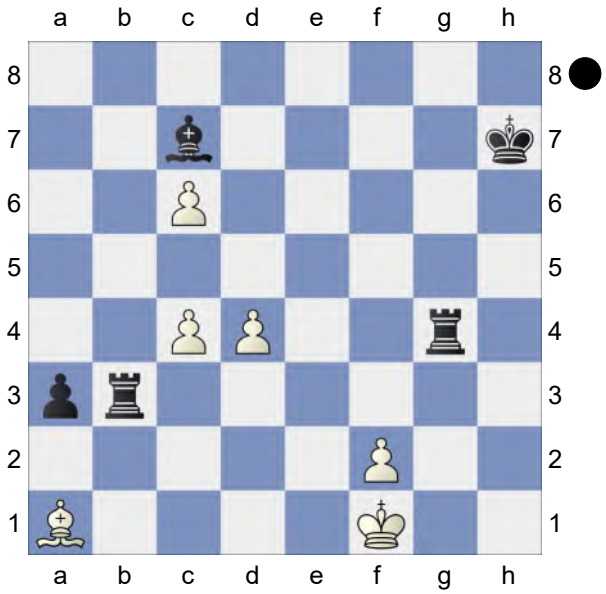
threatening ...Bc7. **40.Nb3 Rb2 41.Nxd4+ Kf6 42.Nf3 Bc7** (-> ...Bxf4) **43.Be3 Rb3** -8.05/19

[⌓43...Rxg3+ -250.00/15 44.Kf1 Rxf3 45.Bd4+ Kf5 46.Kg2



Rfxf2+!! 47.Bxf2 a2 48.Kf3 a1Q 49.Bg3 Qf1+ 50.Ke3 Qg1+ 51.Kf3 Qxg3#]

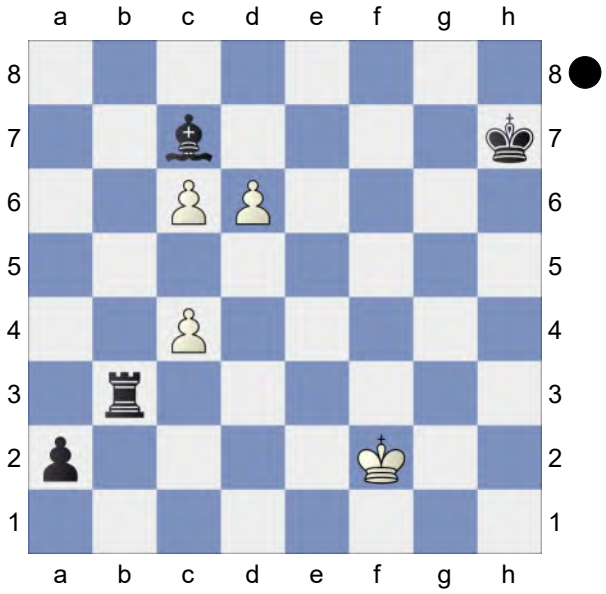
44.Bd4+ Kg6 45.Nh4+ Kh7 ...Rf7 is the strong threat. **46.Ba1 Rf7 47.Nf5 Rxf5** Black mates. **48.g4 Rf4 49.d4 Rxg4+ 50.Kf1**



Rg1+!! 51.Ke2

[51.Kxg1 Rb1+]

51...Rxa1 52.d5 Ra2+ 53.Kf1 Rxf2+ 54.Kxf2 a2 55.d6



a1Q! 56.c5

[56.dxc7 Qa2+]

56...Qa2+ 57.Kf1 Rb1# Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.56

0-1

A09

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham 2698**

■ **Sadhwani,Raunak 2555**

chess.com Junior Speed blitz (3.37)

[Kitty Kat]

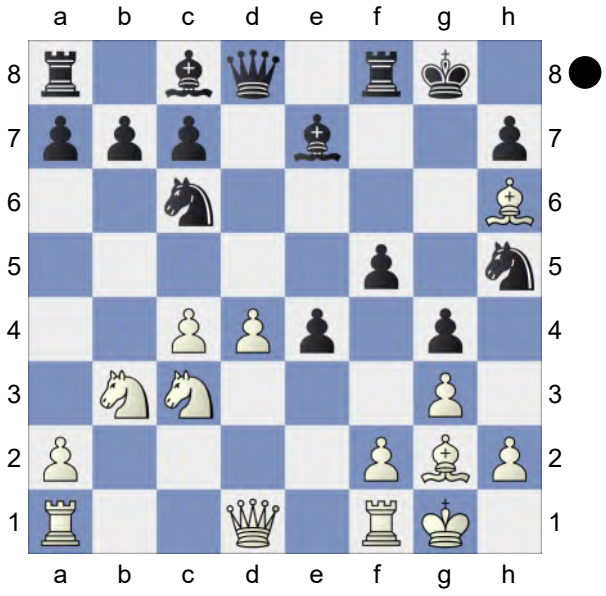
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.d3N

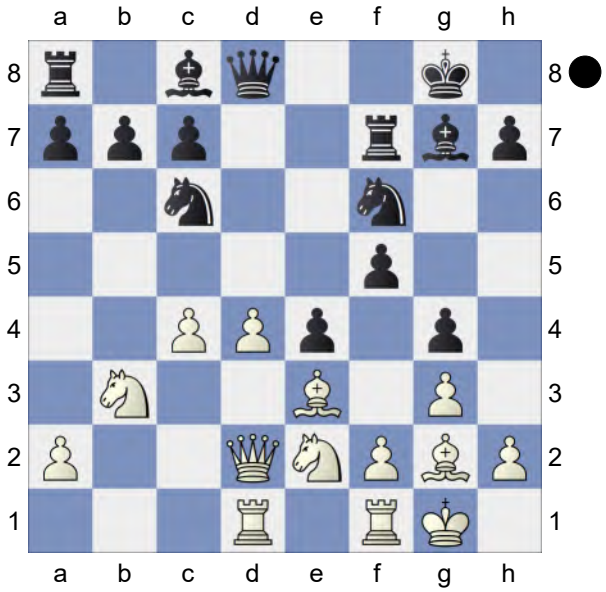
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps

In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)) 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]
[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]) 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

4...g4 5.Nfd2 e5 6.g3 Bxb4 7.Bg2 Hoping for Qa4+. **7...Nc6 8.0-0** Black is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Nb3 f5 10.e3 dxe3 11.Bxe3 Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.d4 e4! 14.Bf4** -0.82/22
[White should play 14.Qc1∓ -0.32/23]
14...Nh5 15.Bh6



Rf7 16.Qd2 Bf8 17.Be3 -1.06/23
[17.a4∓ -0.51/21]
17...Bg7 -0.61/22
[17...b6∓ -1.06/23 18.Bh6 Ba6 19.Bxf8 Qxf8]
18.Rad1 Nf6 -0.38/21
[18...b6∓ -0.87/22]
19.Ne2 -0.74/21
[19.Qc1∓ -0.38/21]

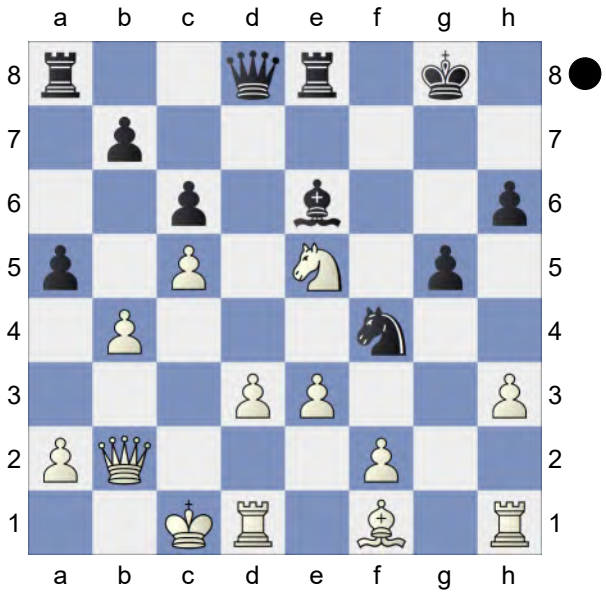


19...a5 -0.02/20
[Better is 19...Nh5!∓ -0.74/21]
20.a4 -0.67/21
[20.Nf4!= -0.02/20]
20...Nh5 21.Qc1 Qe8 -0.56/24 &Nero is more active.
[21...Qf6∓ -1.08/21 22.d5 Nb4]
22.Nf4 -1.89/22
[White should try 22.Rfe1∓ -0.56/24]
22...Nxf4-+ 23.Bxf4 Nb4 24.d5 -2.71/20
[24.Qe3 -1.91/22 might work better.]
24...Qxa4 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.h3 -3.11/22
[⌓26.Rfe1 -1.67/23]
26...b6? -1.08/20
[26...gxh3-+ -3.11/22 has better winning chances. 27.Bxh3 b6]
27.Ne6∓ gxh3

[27...Bxe6 looks sharper. 28.dxe6 Qxe6 29.hxg4 Re7]
28.Bxh3 -3.05/20
[28.Nxg7∓ -0.75/23 Rxg7 29.Bxh3]
28...Bxe6-+ 29.dxe6 Qxe6 30.Qe3 Re8 31.Rd2 Nd3 32.Rfd1 Nxf4 33.Qxf4 Bh6 Black is clearly winning. **34.Qh4 Bxd2 35.Rxd2 e3 36.Re2 exf2+ 37.Rxf2 Qf6 38.Qh5 Qg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Movahed,Sina** **2463**
■ **Bacrot,E** **2680**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+ c6 5.h3 Bg7 6.d3 h6 7.Nbd2 e5N
[7...a5 8.g3 Nd7 9.Bg2 Nb6 10.Qc2 axb4 11.Nb3 e5 12.0-0 Ne7 13.a3 Lesson-3.b4 g5 [GM Ivan Cheparinov]]
8.g4! White has an edge. **8...f5 9.gxf5 Bxf5 10.c5** -0.63/24
[10.b5= 0.06/21]
10...Ne7∓ 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ncxe5 -2.10/22
[12.Nfxe5? Qd5 13.Rg1 Bxe5-+]
[12.Nd6!∓ -0.51/21]
12...Nd5 White must now prevent ...Qe7.
13.Bb2 Re8? -0.58/21
[13...Qe7-+ -2.25/21 14.Bxd4 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7]
14.Bxd4 Nf4? 1.29/22
[14...Nd7∓ -0.67/22 stays ahead. 15.Nxd7 Qxd7]
15.0-0-0 0.29/24
[15.e3± 1.29/22 Qd5 16.Qb3 *(16.exf4? Qxf3 17.Qb3+ Kh7-+)*]
15...Nd7 Active counter play! **16.Qb3+ Be6 17.Qb2 Bxe5** 0.99/29
[17...Nxe5= 0.00/22 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 a5]
18.Bxe5 0.00/26
[18.Nxe5± 0.99/29 a5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.h4]
18...Nxe5= 19.Nxe5 Threatens to win with e3. **19...a5!** Hoping for ...axb4.
[But not 19...Qd5 20.e4 Qxa2 21.d4±]
20.e3



axb4! 21.exf4 Rxa2 22.Qxb4 Strongly threatening d4. **22...Qd5** Really sharp! **23.Rg1?** -4.58/30
[23.f3!= 0.00/20 and White is okay.]
23...Rea8? 0.00/25
[Black should try 23...Ra1+-+ -4.58/30 24.Kd2 Qa2+ 25.Ke1 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Qxf2 27.Qxb7 *(27.Rh1? Ra8-+)* 27...Qxg1 28.Qxc6 Qxf1+ 29.Kc2 Qf2+ 30.Kc3 Qe1+ 31.Kc2 Bf7 32.Nxf7 Kxf7 33.Qd7+ Kg6 34.fxg5 Qf2+ 35.Kb3 Rb8+ 36.Kc4 Qc2+ 37.Kd5 Qxd3+ 38.Kc6 Qa6+ 39.Kd5 Rd8!! 40.Qxd8 Qd3+ 41.Kc6 Qxd8 42.h4 Kf7 43.g6+ Kxg6

44.Kb5 Qxh4 45.c6 Qh3 46.Kc5 h5 47.Kd4 h4 48.Ke4 Qc3 49.c7 Qxc7 50.Kf3 h3 51.Kf2 h2 52.Kg2 Qf4 53.Kh1 Qh4 54.Kg2 h1Q#]

24.Bg2 Ra1+ 1.16/21

[24...Qd8= 0.00/25 25.Qe4 Qf6]

25.Kd2!± R8a2+? 9.35/33

[25...Rxd1+± 1.10/21 26.Rxd1 *(26.Kxd1?* too greedy. *Ra1+ 27.Ke2 Qa2+ 28.Qd2 Qxd2+ 29.Kxd2 Rxg1-+)* 26...Qxg2]

26.Ke3+- gxf4+ 27.Qxf4 White threatens Be4+ and mate.

27...Qxc5+ 28.Kf3?? -#3/20

[28.d4+- 7.74/21 Ra3+ 29.Rd3 Rxd3+ 30.Nxd3]

28...Rxf2+ -6.42/19

[⌓28...Qxf2+ -#3/20 29.Ke4 Re2+ 30.Qe3 Qxe3#]

29.Kg3-+ Rxf4 Discovered Attack **30.Kxf4 Rxd1 31.Rxd1 Qf2+ 32.Bf3 Qh2+ 33.Ke4 Bd5+ 34.Kf5 Bxf3 35.Nxf3** Endgame KQ-KRN **35...Qe2 36.Rg1+ Kh7 37.Kf4 Qxd3 38.Re1 Qc4+ 39.Kg3 b5 40.Re7+ Kg8 41.Rb7 Qc3 42.Kg4 b4 43.Nh4 b3 44.Nf5 b2 45.Kh5 Qf6 46.Nxh6+ Kf8** aiming for ...Qe5+. **47.Rb8+ Kg7 48.Rb7+ Kf8 49.Rb8+ Kg7 50.Rb7+ Kh8 51.Nf7+**

(Diagram)

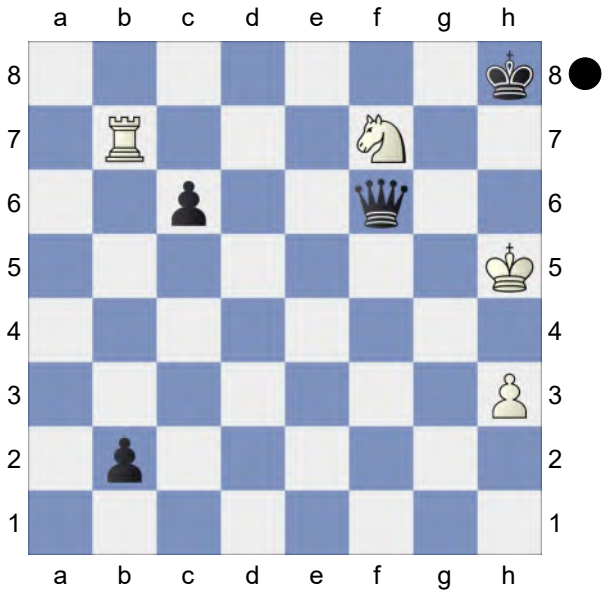
Kh7 -3.77/17

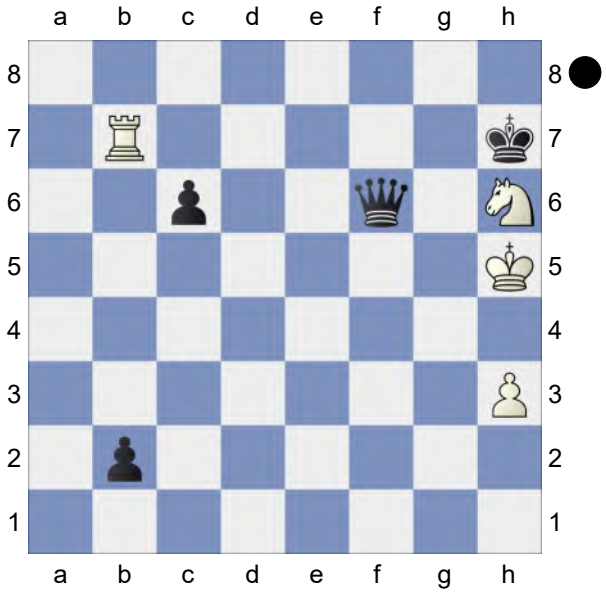
[⌓51...Qxf7+!! -8.33/19 52.Rxf7 b1Q]

52.Nh6+? -15.30/35

[52.Ng5+ -3.77/17 Kg8 53.Rb8+ Qf8 54.Rxb2]

(Diagram)





52...Qg7!! Black is clearly winning.

53.Rxg7+

[53.Nf7 Qg6+]

53...Kxg7 54.Nf5+ Kh7 -7.75/22

Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/Black=0.65

[⌓54...Kf6 -17.59/21 55.Kg4 b1Q 56.Ng3 Qb4+ 57.Kf3 Ke5 58.Nf1 Qe4+ 59.Kf2 Kf4 60.h4 Qc2+ 61.Ke1 Kf3 62.Nd2+ Ke3 63.Nf1+ Kd3 64.Nd2 Qxd2+ 65.Kf1 Ke3 66.Kg1 Kf3 67.h5 Qg2#]

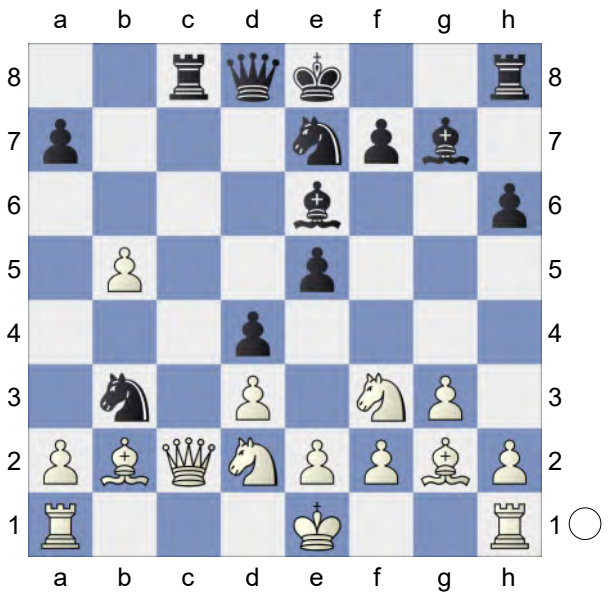
0-1

A09
□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2525**
■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2730**
Cap d'Agde Karpov Trophy Final rapid (1..
[Edouard,Romain]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3
[4.h3]
4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 h6N 0.93/20
[5...e5! 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 19.Nc6 Rb7 20.Qa3 Qd6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]
[5...e5!= -0.06/23 keeps the balance. 6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 21.Rc1 Rhf8 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39)]
6.Nf3!± &Bianco is more active. **6...e5 7.d3 Ne7**
[7...a5 8.b5 a4 9.Qa3 0.63/25 *(9.Qb4± 1.07/23)* 9...Ne7 10.g3 0-0 11.Bg2 Ng6 Prevents Nh4. 12.0-0 f5 13.Nbd2 Prevents e4. Re8 14.Rb1]
8.Nbd2 White is better. **8...Be6**
[8...0-0 9.g3 Be6 10.Bg2 Nd7 11.a4 *(11.0-0 b5)*]
9.Bb2 0.44/22
[9.a4± 1.14/23]
9...Nd7 0.89/20
[9...b5! 10.g3 Nbc6 11.Bg2 Rb8]
[9...b5!± 0.44/22]
10.g3 0.46/20
[10.a4± 0.89/20]
10...b5!± 11.Qc2 c5 The solid 11...Nf6 or an immediate queenside attack with ...b5, ...a5, seemed more logical, but Topalov's move is fine as well.
[11...Rb8
A) 12.Bg2 c5! 13.bxc5 bxc4 14.Nxc4 *(14.c6* -0.17/22 14.Nxc4 0.19 *Nxc6 15.Nxc4* aiming for Ba3. *e4 16.dxe4 0-0 17.0-0! Nb4!)* 14...Bxc4 15.c6 Nxc6 16.Qxc4
A1) 16...Qa5+ 17.Kf1 Rxb2 1.26/20 *(17...e4±* 0.37/24 *)* 18.Qxc6± And now Bh3 would win. Qc5 19.Nh4 0.90/21 *(⌓19.Qxc5* 1.36/25 *Nxc5 20.Rc1)*;
A2) 16...e4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Qa5+! 19.Kf1 Rb4! 20.Bxg7 Rxc4 21.dxc4 Rh7! 22.Bd4 f5!;
B) 12.c5 0-0 13.Bg2 Nd5 14.a3]
12.bxc5 Nxc5?! This move slows down Black's queenside attack far too much.
13.cxb5
[13.Bg2 Rc8 14.0-0 Na4 15.Ba3 With the idea Ne4. Nc3 16.e3]
13...Rc8 Definitely a blunder, most probably missing that 14...Bxg4 was another blunder. **14.Bg2! Nb3**

(Diagram)

15.Qxc8 Black's position, opening the h-file, has turned to a disaster. **15...Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0?** Black should have parried White's tactical threats with ...f6 or ...h6.
[16...Nd6 17.0-0 Nxb5+- 18.Ba3? a5! and White wins due to 19.Nc4! e4! 20.Nfd2! Nxa3 21.Rxa3 e3 22.Ne4! was still unclear. Black should have gone for 22...Bxc4 and quick counterplay. 23.bxc4 not touching the



g-pawn looked more natural to me - but of course the game move keeps the option of moving the knight to the queenside. Bf8 24.c5 Black must now prevent fxe3. f5 25.Nd6+! Bxd6 26.cxd6 Strongly threatening f4. exf2+ 27.Rxf2 0.61/24 *(27.Kxf2± 0.95/25 0-0 28.Bf3)* 27...0-0± 28.Rf4 Hoping for Bf3. Qe8! 29.Bf3 Qe5! 30.Ra4!]

17.Ba3 A good move, although direct tactics were working as well! **17...Re8** Black cuts Black's bishop diagonal, but is now losing in a trivial way. **18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Qb8 21.b4 Bd5** 1.02/26

[21...Nb6± 0.67/20]

22.Nh4±

[22.Ra5 Qb7 23.Ne4+- Against Bf6 Bxe4!? 24.dxe4 Bf6! 25.Ne1!]

22...Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qb7+ 24.f3! Nb6? 2.50/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[24...Qd7± 0.82/21 was called for.]

25.Bxb6

[25.Nf5]

25...Qxb6

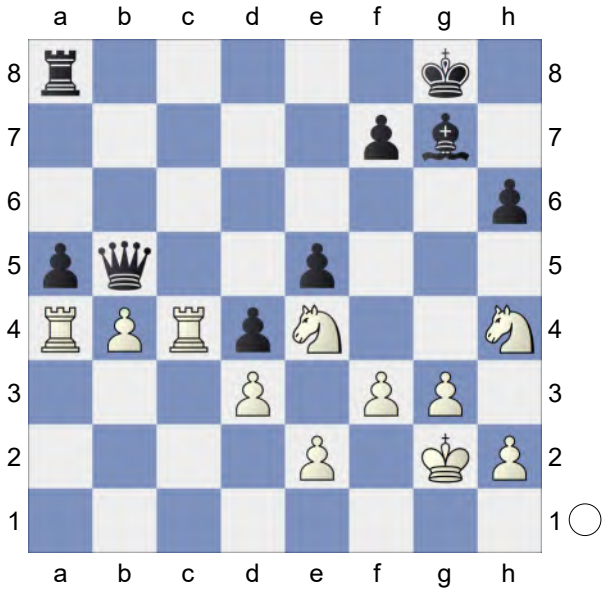
[Less strong is 25...axb6 26.Ne4 Qd7 27.g4±]

26.Ne4! The young Belgian prodigy managed to beat Topalov in Game 1 of the Cap d'Agde semi-finals! But at the end of the day, the former World Champion won the match and tournament anyway! **26...Ra8** 2.85/25

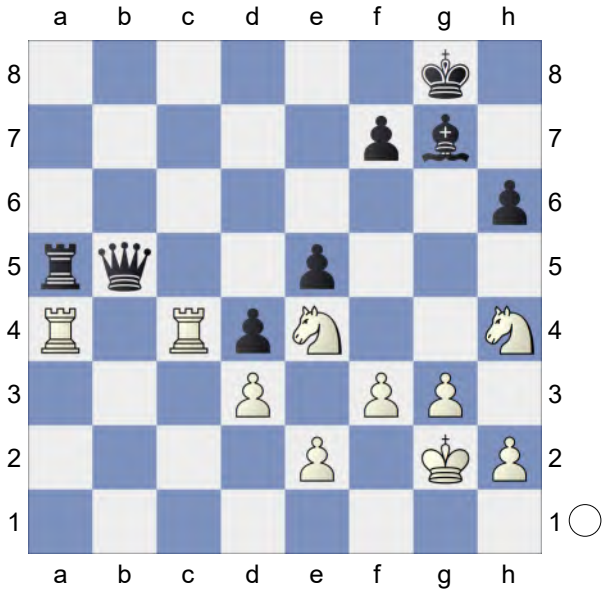
[⌓26...Qxb4 1.91/21 27.Rxa7 Qb2]

27.Rc4 Bf8? 3.89/23 and mate to follow.

[27...a5! 28.Ra4 Threatens to win with g4. Qb5



29.bxa5! Rxa5!+-

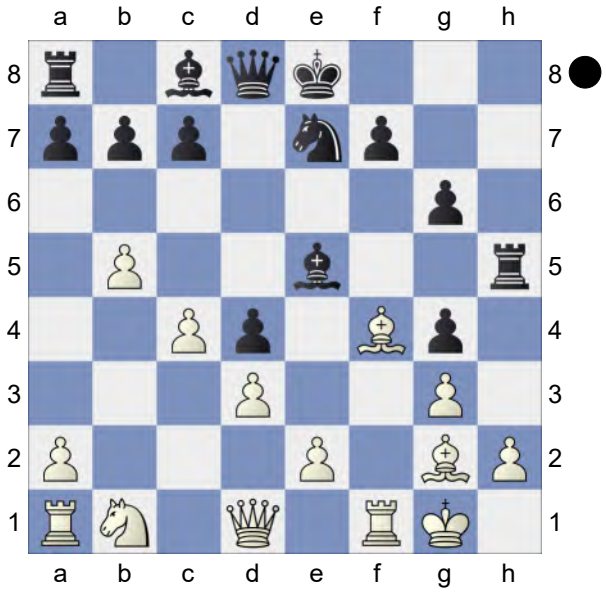


30.Rab4! Qa6 Against Rc8+ 31.g4]
[27...a5 2.10/21 might work better.]
28.Rac1+- Qd8 29.Nf5 Rb8 30.Rc7 White is clearly winning. **30...Rb6 31.Rc8 Qd7 32.g4 Rg6** would just be a worse version as 17.Bxf7 for Black. **33.Kf2** would now lose to **33...a5 34.R1c7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

A09

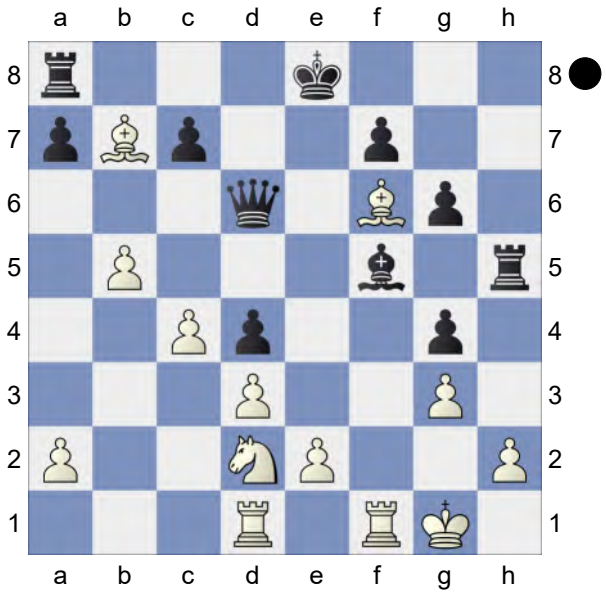
□ **Ioannidis,Evgenios** **2499**
■ **Woodward,Andy** **2545**
Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (6)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)*
6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski, J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]
[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)*
8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]
4...g4 5.Nh4 e5 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.f4 -0.92/20
[7.d3= 0.19/22 remains equal.]
7...Ng6 -0.26/20
[7...exf4!∓ -0.92/20 Hoping for ...Ng6. 8.0-0 fxg3 9.hxg3 Nbc6]
8.Nxg6= Black has an edge. **8...hxg6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.d3! Nc6 11.b5 Ne7 12.fxe5 Bxe5** 0.21/24
[⌓12...Nf5! -0.15/21]
13.Bg5 Rh5 14.Bf4

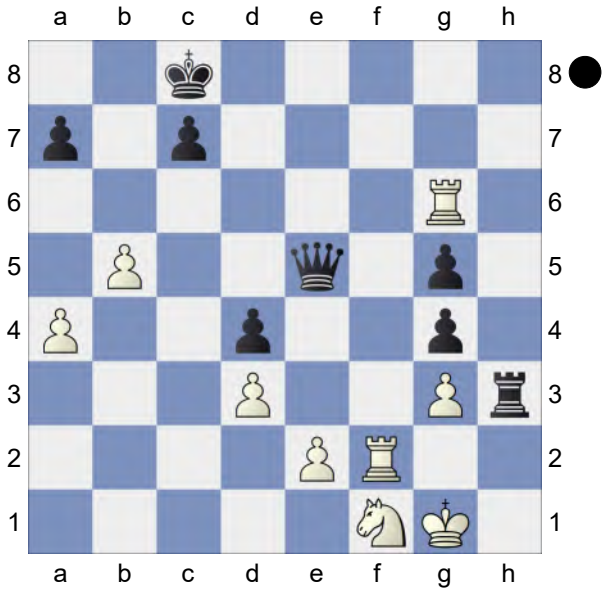


Nf5! And now ...Ne3 would win. **15.Bxe5** -0.79/21
[15.Na3= -0.08/24]
[15.Qc1 Qe7]
15...Ne3!∓ 16.Bf6 Qd6 Chess con chili.
[Much weaker is 16...Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Nxd1 18.Nd2=]
17.Nd2 -1.40/20 **Nxd1** &Nero is more active. **18.Raxd1 Bf5** -1.36/22
[18...Rf5-+ -1.76/22 19.Ne4 Qb6]

19.Bxb7



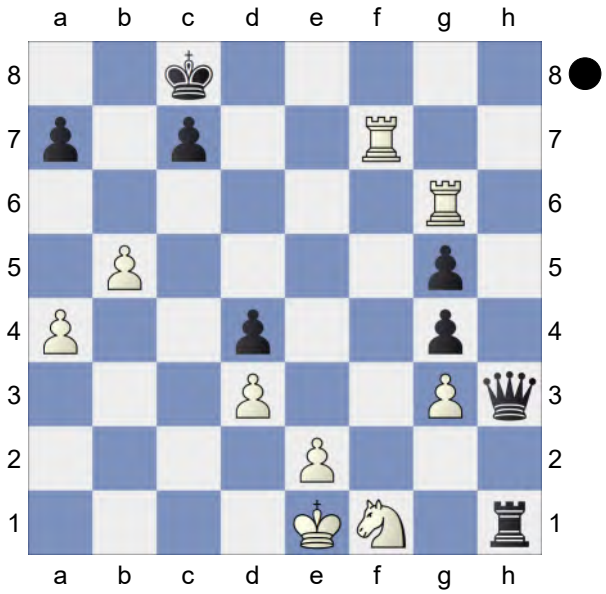
Qxf6! 20.Bxa8 Qg5 -0.89/24
[⌓20...Qe7 -1.33/24 ...Qe3+ is the strong threat. 21.Rf2 Bd7]
21.Rf2 Ke7 Black has strong compensation. **22.a4** -1.28/27
[⌓22.Bd5 -0.93/21]
22...Qe3 23.Nf1 Qe5 24.Nd2 Be6
[And not 24...Qe3 25.Nf1 Qe5 26.Bc6∓]
25.Be4 -1.58/23
[⌓25.Bd5 -1.27/23]
25...f5 26.Bc6 g5 -1.12/25
[Black should try 26...Rh8 -1.48/24 27.Rb1 Bd7]
27.Nf1 -1.45/23
[Better is 27.a5 -1.12/25]
27...Kd6 -1.09/26
[⌓27...Qc5 -1.45/23 28.a5 Qe5]
28.Re1 f4 -0.51/19
[Black should play 28...Rh6∓ -1.17/22 29.Bb7 Rf6]
29.Be4 -1.04/21
[29.Rb1∓ -0.51/19]
29...Bxc4 30.Nd2 -1.21/24
[⌓30.Rc1 -0.89/24 Bd5 31.Bxd5 Kxd5 32.Rc6]
30...Be6↑ Keeping White busy. **31.Rg2** -2.16/23
[31.Bg2∓ -1.37/23 might work better.]
31...Rh3 -0.77/22
[31...Ke7-+ -2.16/23 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... Qc5. 32.Nf1 Rh3]
32.Nf1? -2.70/22
[32.gxf4∓ -0.77/22 Qxf4 33.Nf1]
32...Bd5 33.Bxd5 Kxd5 34.Rc1 Ke6 35.Rc6+ Kd7! 36.Rg6 -1.84/22
[36.Ra6∓ -1.40/24]
36...fxg3 -0.65/27
[36...f3-+ -1.84/22 37.exf3 gxf3]
37.hxg3 -1.50/23
[37.Nxg3∓ -0.65/27 Qe3+ 38.Kh1]
37...Kc8 38.Rf2 -2.64/22
[38.Rc6∓ -1.50/23]



38...Qh8!-+ (-> ...Rh1+) **39.Rf7** -5.12/22
[39.Kg2 -3.52/23 was necessary.]
39...Rh1+ Black is clearly winning.
40.Kf2 Qh3 41.Ke1

(Diagram)

Qxg3+! 42.Kd2 Black must now prevent Rf8+. **42...Qe5 43.Rgg7 Kb7 44.a5 Qc5 45.Rxc7+ Qxc7 46.Rxc7+ Kxc7**



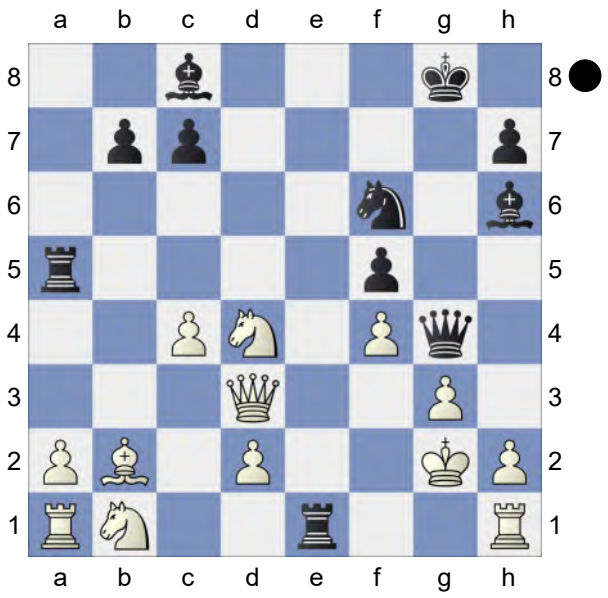
KR-KN **47.Ng3 Rh3 48.Ne4 g3 49.Nxg5 Rh1 50.Ne6+ Kd6 51.Nxd4 g2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

A09
☐ **Fridman,D** **2601**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **2622**
PNWCC Super G60 Jan Gp1 (6.4)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5 7.Ng3 -0.71/19
[7.Nc5∓ -0.33/22 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]
7...Nf6∓ And now ...f4 would win. **8.e3** -1.38/20
[⌓8.e4 -0.89/19 fxe4 9.Be2]
8...0-0! 9.exd4N -2.04/21
[9.Bd3∓ -1.39/21 was worth a try. e4 *(9...Ng4 10.Be2 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 f4 12.exf4 d3 13.Bf3 e4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nxe4 Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Nc6 17.Nbc3 Rxf4 18.Kxf4 Qe5+ 19.Ke3 Qd4+ 20.Kf4 Qe5+ 21.Ke3* ½-½ (21) Chatalbashev,B (2596)-Sethuraman,S (2711) United States 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D] *)* 10.Bf1]
[9.c5 f4 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Ne2 d3 12.Nc1 e4 13.exf4 Nc6 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Nc3 Bg4 16.Qa4 Nf3+ 17.gxf3 Bxf3 18.Be6 Nh5 19.Qd7 Qf6 20.Nxe4 Qg6+ 21.Ng3 Bxb2 22.Nxd3 Rad8 23.f5 Qg5 Medvegy,Z (2550)-Sedlak,N (2547) Mati Losinj 2017 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (33)]
9...exd4-+ 10.Bd3 Ng4 11.f4 Nc6 Black has strong compensation. **12.Ba3** -3.68/20
[12.a3 -2.19/20 might work better. Qh4 13.Qf3]
12...Re8+ 13.Kf1 Qh4 14.Kg1 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Bb2 -4.51/24
[⌓16.Qf1 -3.16/20]
16...Bh6 17.Qf1 Nf6 18.Ne2 Nb4 19.g3 Qg4 20.Nxd4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Re1+ -0.97/19
[Black should try 21...Bxf4-+ -1.82/21 aiming for ...Be5. 22.Qf3 b6!]
22.Kg2∓

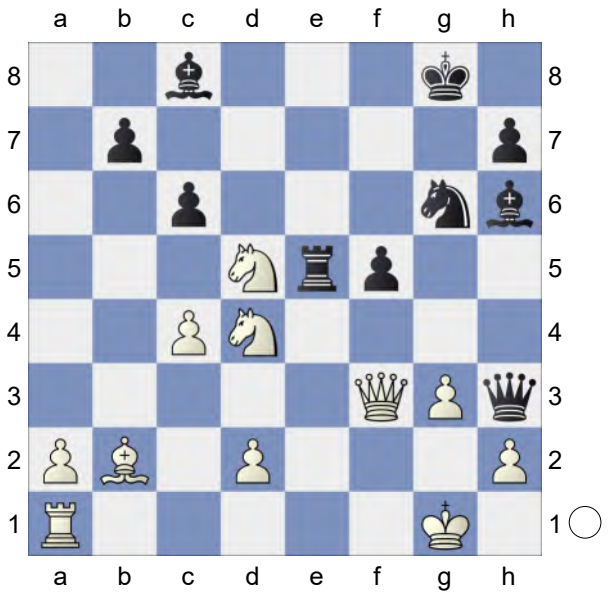
(Diagram)

Nh5! 0x0.001bcf59d7c5dp-1022s more active pieces. **23.Rf1 Rxf1** 0.17/23
[23...Nxf4+!∓ -0.59/25 24.Rxf4 Bxf4]
24.Kxf1= Hoping for Nf3. **24...Qh3+ 25.Kg1! Nxf4! 26.Qf3** Against Qg2+ **26...Re5** 0.61/21 **27.Nc3± Ng6** 1.57/21



[27...Nh5!± 0.61/25]

28.Nd5± c6



29.Nb6 -0.75/22 Pair of Knights!

[29.Nf6+ Kf7±]

[29.Nxc6!± 1.53/22 stays on course. bxc6 30.Bxe5 *(30.Nf6+ Kf7=)* 30...Nxe5 31.Qe2 cxd5 32.Qxe5]

29...f4!∓ ...fxg3 is the strong threat.

30.Nxc8 -0.48/20

[30.Qg2∓ -0.83/27]

30...fxg3!∓ 31.Nd6? -16.18/30

[Don't blunder 31.hxg3? Bxd2 32.Qg2 *(32.Qf2 Be3; 32.Nc2? Rg5-+)* 32...Be3+ 33.Kf1 Qxc8-+]

[31.Qxg3? Rg5 32.Ne2 *(32.Ne7+? Nxe7 33.Qxg5+ Bxg5-+)* 32...Qxc8-+]

[31.Qg2∓ -0.54/21 gxh2+ 32.Kh1 Qxc8 33.Bc3]

31...Qxh2+-+ 32.Kf1 Qh3+? 0.00/21

[Inferior is 32...Bxd2 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.Qf6+ Kg8 35.Qf7+ Kh8 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Qf7+=]

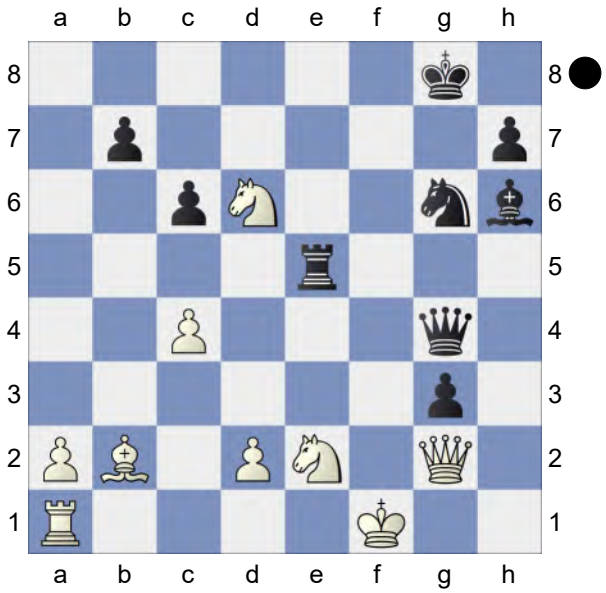
[Black should play 32...Nf4-+ -11.33/22 (-> ...g2+) 33.Qg4+ Rg5 34.Qxf4 Rg7]

33.Qg2= Qg4 Dancing on a razor blade.

34.Ne2? -4.69/25

[34.Nxb7 Nf4 35.Nf3 Rh5 36.Bd4 Rh1+!! 37.Bg1 Nxg2 38.Ke2 Qxc4+ 39.d3 Qc2+]

[34.Qf3!= 0.00/21 and White is okay. Qh3+ 35.Qg2]



White is on the road to losing.

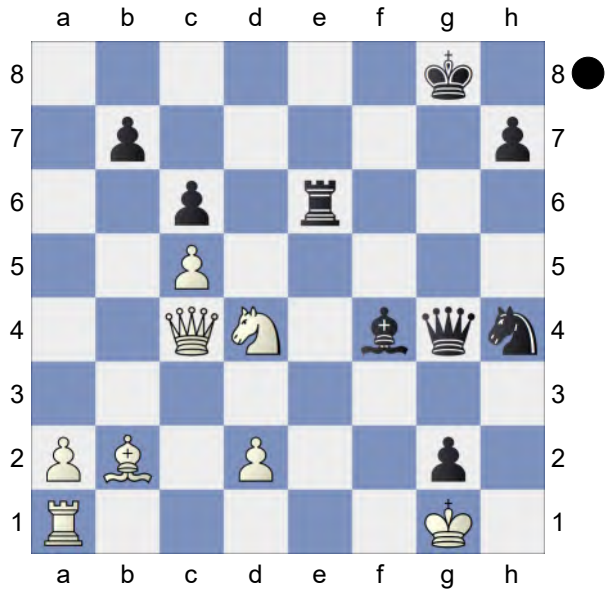
34...Re6!-+ White must now prevent ... Bf4.

[34...Rxe2? 35.Qxe2 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qxd6 37.Rf1+-]

35.c5 -10.19/22

[⌓35.Re1 -4.59/20 Bxd2 36.Qxg3]

35...Bf4 Strongly threatening ...Nh4. **36.Nf5 Qxf5 37.Kg1 Nh4 38.Nd4 Qg4 39.Qf1 g2** -12.02/26
[⌓39...Bxd2 -#8/22 40.Nc2 Rh6 41.Re1 Nf3+ 42.Qxf3 Qxf3 43.Re8+ Kf7 44.Re7+ Kxe7 45.Bf6+ Rxf6 46.Nd4 Qf1#]
40.Qc4



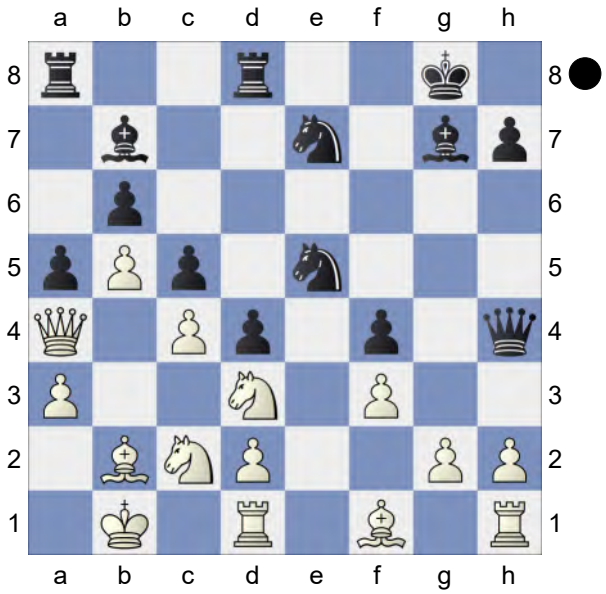
Black is clearly winning. **40...Bh2+! 41.Kxh2 Nf3+ 42.Nxf3 Qxc4 43.Rg1 Rh6+ 44.Kg3 Rg6+ 45.Kf2 Qxc5+ 46.Bd4 Qd5 47.Be3 h5 48.a4 Qf5** Threatens to win with ...Rf6. **49.Ke2 h4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/ Black=0.45
0-1

A09

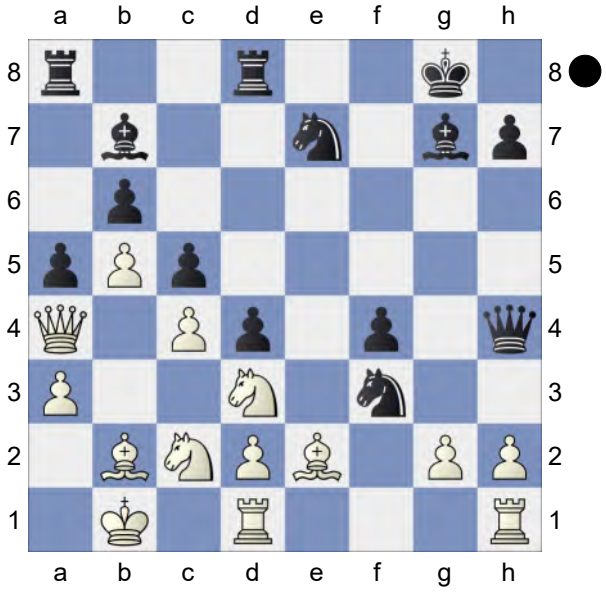
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2724**
■ **Bartel,Mat** **2604**
Warsaw POL (9.3) 26.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5! Black has compensation. **7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3** Black is slightly better.
[8.Qa4+ c6 9.Nb3 Ne7 10.e3 0-0 11.c5 b5 12.Qa5 Qe8 13.Na3 Nd5 14.Nc2 Be6 15.exd4 e4 16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.Qa3 N7b6 18.Na5 Na4 19.Ba1 Nf4 20.Qg3 Nh5 21.Qd6 Rc8 22.d5 Bxd5 Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2653)-Sulskis,S (2544) Tromso 2014 CI1-130 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (53)]
8...Bb7N 0.11/19
[8...Ne7∓ -0.61/19 9.e3 0-0 10.c5 Ng6 11.h4 Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.a3 Qh4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Re1 Bf7 20.g3 Qg5 21.b5 Na5 22.a4 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 f4 Holmsgaard,H (2575)-Copar,A (2395) Moscow 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (46)]
9.e3= And now Qh5+ would win. **9...Qh4** Inhibits Qh5+. **10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3! Ne7 12.Qa4+** -0.06/19
[12.Qb3± 0.34/24]
12...Nd7! 13.0-0-0 Bc6 0.66/22
[Better is 13...a5= -0.10/22]
14.Qc2 0.05/23
[14.Nb5± 0.66/22 Kd8 15.Qb3]
14...a6 0.69/21
[14...0-0-0!= 0.05/23]
15.f3 0.13/19
[15.Re1± 0.69/21]
15...0-0 16.Kb1 -0.45/20
[16.Re1= 0.13/24]
16...f4 0.48/21
[16...Bb7!∓ -0.45/20]
17.Nc1 -0.02/21
[17.Re1± 0.48/21]
17...Bb7 18.Qa4 -0.79/22
[18.c5= -0.06/20]
18...Rfd8∓ 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 -1.72/20
[20.Bd3∓ -0.93/20 was worth a try.]
20...a5 -1.20/19
[20...Nf5-+ -1.72/20 21.Qb3 Nd6]

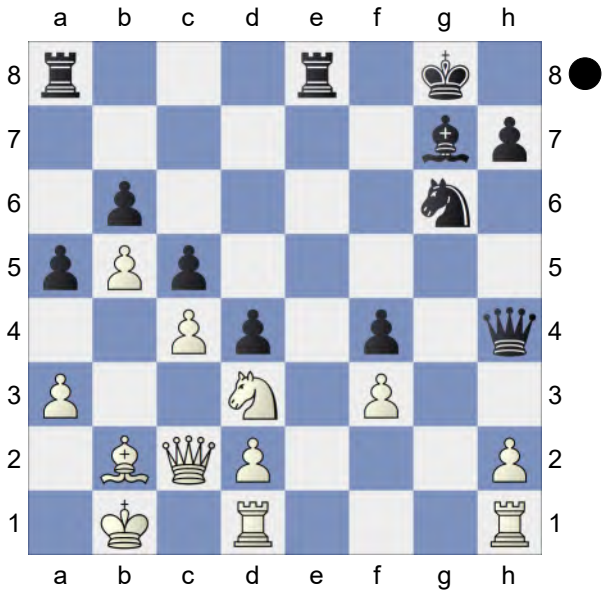
21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3



Nxf3 aiming for ...Nf5! **23.Be2**
[Don't go for 23.gxf3? Bxf3 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Bxh1-+]



23...Ng5↑ Keeping White busy. **24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8** -0.94/23
[Black should try 27...Qh3 -1.25/24 28.Rdf1 Re8]
28.Qc2 -1.72/21
[28.Rdg1∓ -0.94/23]



28...Qh3!-+ 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6
[Inferior is 30...Rxh2 31.Rxh2 Qxh2 32.Qe4∓]
31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6
[And not 32...Rxh2 33.Rxh2 Qxh2 34.Qe4∓]
33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3 Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 36.Ne4 Rxh2? -0.06/28
[36...Qh3-+ -1.63/22 37.Qd1 Rg2]
37.Qd1= Rxh1 38.Rxh1 Qe7 39.Qf1 Qd7 The position is equal. **40.d3 Re5 41.Bc1 Qf5 42.Qg2 Re7** White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

A09
□ **Ponkratov,Pavel** **2564**
■ **Kezin,Roman** **2475**
RUS-chT Blitz (5.6) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2

a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...Bg7N

[4...h6 5.d3 *(5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8* Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic, Slobodan] *)* 5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari, A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81)]

5.Bb2 e5 6.d3! Ne7 0.07/22

[⌓6...h6 -0.24/24]

7.Nxg5= Ng6 0.45/23

[Black should play 7...Nec6!= -0.30/19 8.Bc1 h6]

8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.g3 Qe7 10.Qb3 a5 11.b5** aiming for Ba3. **11...c5** 0.57/22

[11...a4= 0.08/22 12.Qa3 Qd8]

12.bxc6 -0.38/22

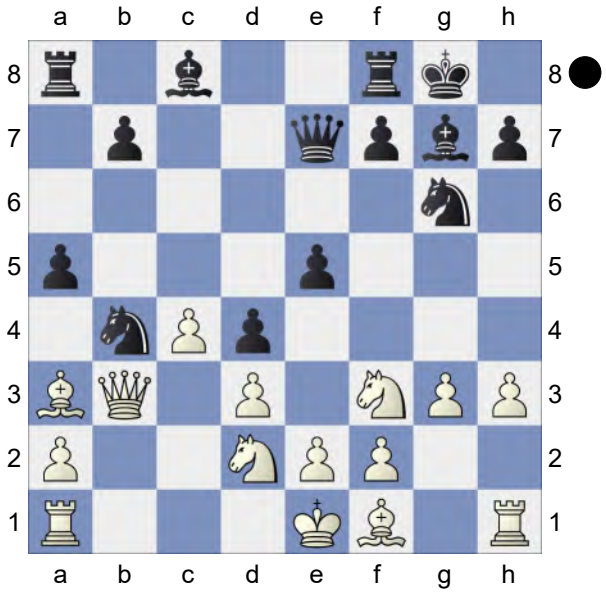
[12.h4± 0.57/22]

12...Nxc6 13.Ba3 -1.30/21

[Better is 13.Bg2!∓ -0.45/19]

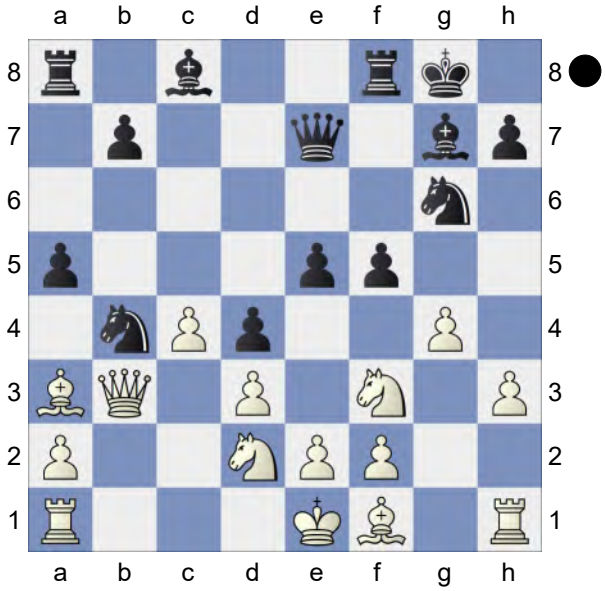
13...Nb4!∓ Strongly threatening ...e4.

14.Nbd2



f5! ...e4 is the strong threat. &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed. **15.g4?** -3.31/20

[15.h4∓ -1.31/21]



This move loses the game for White.

15...e4!-+ Black has a decisive advantage.

[And not 15...fxg4 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.Ne4=]

16.gxf5 Bxf5

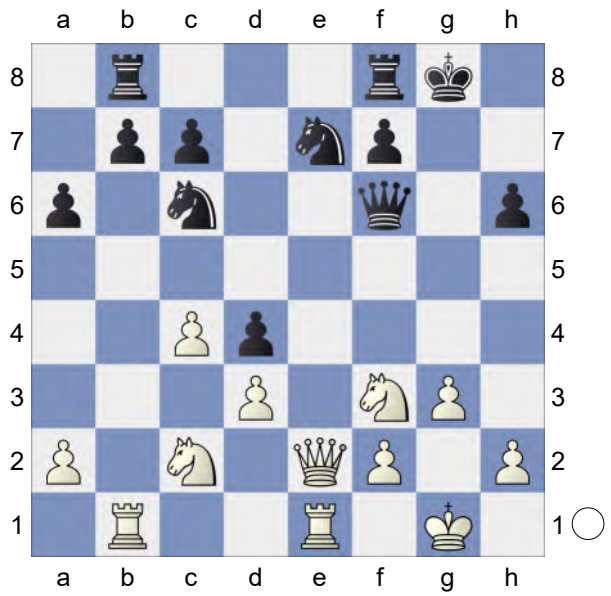
[16...exf3 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.Rb1∓]
17.dxe4 Bxe4 18.0-0-0 d3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
[18...Bh6 19.h4∓]
0-1

A09
□ **Morozevich,A** **2659**
■ **Christiansen,Johan Sebastian**
World Blitz 2019 (12.22) 29.12.2019
[Kitty Kat]

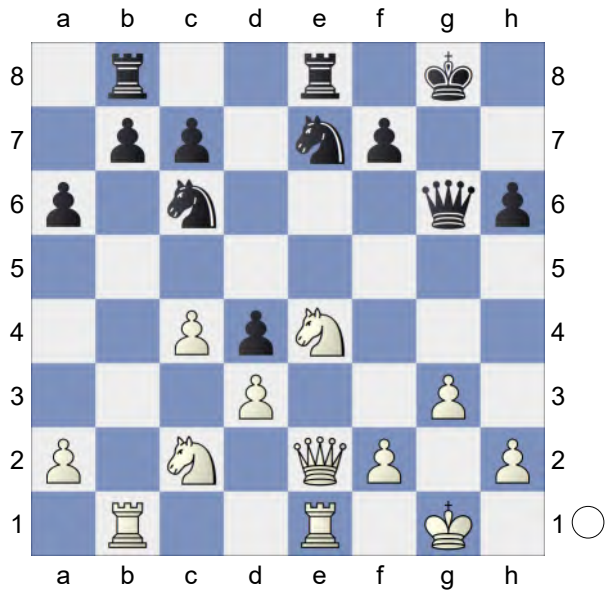
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
Tony Kosten: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A chess writer should not tailor their message to the audience, and instead is sworn to reveal the truth about an opening without sugar-coating, so I sincerely hope that Everyman doesn't one day ask me to write the book ...g5!!: Move by Move, based on Morozevich's games!" **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5**
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+N
[6...Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Ba3 *(8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2 0-0-0 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 Nd7* Chemin,V (2583)-Etmans,M (2571) Almaty 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (38)*)* 8...h5 9.Nd2 h4 10.Rb1 b6 11.Qa4 Qg6 12.c5 Bb7 13.Nc4 0-0-0 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb5 e4 16.Qc2 Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6 19.f3 Nc3 20.e4 f5 21.Bd3 Bocharov,D (2577)-Morozevich,A (2711) Kazan 2015 [Tony Kosten] 0-1 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3 23.g3 Nxe4 24.0-0 Nxg3 25.Rf3 Qe1+ 26.Bf1 Nxf1 27.Rxf1 Rdg8+ 28.Rg3 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Nb4+ 0-1 (30) Chemin,V (2577)-Sethuraman,S (2711) GER corr 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Suetin,A; Neven,K]]
7.Qxd2 Nc6 0.25/22
[7...b6!∓ -0.46/21]
8.g3!= White has an edge. **8...h6** 0.55/22
[8...Qe7= 0.19/23]
9.Nf3!± Bg4 10.Bg2 Qd7 11.Na3 -0.13/22
[11.Qb2± 0.72/23]
11...Nge7 0.63/21
[11...Bh3!= -0.13/22 12.0-0 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nge7]
12.Rb1! Rb8 13.0-0 Bh3 0.92/24
[13...Ng6!± 0.59/22 feels stronger.]
14.Bxh3 Qxh3 15.e3 Qf5 1.52/23
[⌓15...Qh5 0.92/20 16.Qd1 dxe3]
16.Qe2 a6 1.82/21
[16...e4± 1.38/24 17.Nxd4 exd3]
17.exd4+- exd4 18.Nc2 Qf6 19.Rfe1
[But not 19.Qe4 0-0 20.Ncxd4 b6]
19...0-0

(Diagram)

20.Nd2 0.75/21
[20.Ncxd4!+- 1.78/22 Rfd8 21.Nxc6 Nxc6 22.Qe4]
20...Rfe8 1.23/23
[Black should play 20...b5 0.75/21]
21.Ne4 0.65/20
[21.Qf3± 1.23/23 Qxf3 22.Nxf3]

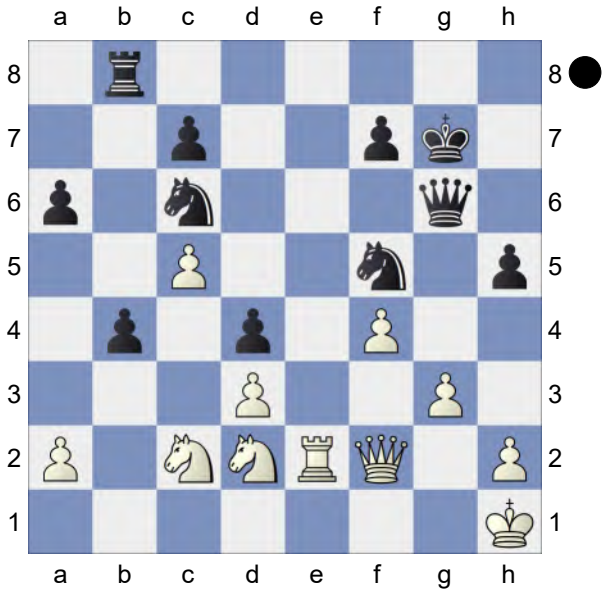


21...Qg6 1.29/19
[21...Qf5± 0.65/20]



22.f4 0.33/22
[Better is 22.Qf3!± 1.29/19
Hoping for Nf6+. Nf5 23.Qf4]
22...b6 23.Qf2 Nf5 24.Re2 Kg7
25.Rbe1 b5 26.c5 0.00/23
[26.cxb5± 0.31/21 Rxb5 27.Qf3]
26...b4= 27.Kh1 -0.38/22
[27.Qf3= 0.00/23]
27...h5!∓ 28.Nd2 -1.78/21
[28.Qf3∓ -0.31/21]

28...Rxe2-+ 29.Rxe2 -1.97/20
[29.Qxe2∓ -1.46/22 Rb5 30.Nb3]



29...a5! 30.Nf3 -3.09/21
[⌓30.Qf3 -1.99/21]
30...b3 31.axb3
[Avoid the trap 31.Ncxd4? Ncxd4 32.Nxd4 bxa2 33.Nxf5+ Kh7-+]
31...Rxb3 aiming for ...a4. **32.Ncxd4?** -7.07/23
[32.Nce1 -2.65/21 a4 33.Re8]
32...Rb1+ 33.Kg2 Ncxd4 Deflection **34.Nxd4 Nh4+!** Discovered Attack. Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2675**
■ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2707**
FIDE World Cup (4.4) 14.09.2017
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e5

[5...e6 6.b5 *(6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8* Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40)]

6.Bg2N

[6.b5 Nf6 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Re1+ Kf8 11.Bb2 fxg3 12.hxg3 h5 13.Bxd4 h4 14.Qf3 Nh5 15.Nc3 hxg3 16.fxg3 Nxg3 17.c5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 Nh5 19.Nd5 c6 20.Rf1 Ne6 Christiansen,L-Kasparov,G Moscow 1982 Kasparov on Kasparov 1 [Garry Kasparov] 0-1 (39)]

6...Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.b5 White has an edge. **8...Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxb7 Rb8! 11.Bg2 Ngf6** 0.51/19

[11...Qe7+∓ -0.35/21 12.Kf1 Ngf6]

12.d3!± Qe7+ 1.03/21

[12...h5± 0.48/20]

(Diagram)

13.Kf1 0.33/21

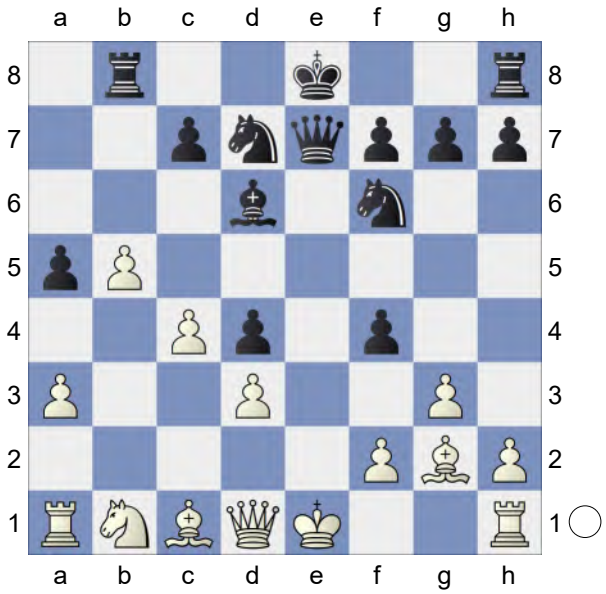
[13.Kd2!± 1.03/21 Black must now prevent Re1. 0-0 14.Re1]

13...Nc5 14.Bc6+ Kf8 15.Ra2 Nfd7 1.18/21

[15...Qe6= 0.24/19 keeps the balance.]

16.gxf4 0.87/19

[⌓16.Bxf4 1.18/21 Re2 is the strong threat. Bxf4 17.gxf4]



16...Qf6± 17.Nd2 0.19/18

[17.Bxd7± 0.78/20 Hoping for Bc6. Nxd7 18.Rg1]

17...Qxf4 1.35/21

[17...Bxf4= 0.19/18 remains equal. 18.Bxd7 Nxd7]

18.Ne4 0.85/22

[⌓18.Nf3 1.35/21 Qf5 19.Nxd4 Qh3+ 20.Bg2 Qxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Nxd3 22.Be3]

18...Qf5 19.h4 h5 1.32/20

[⌓19...Ne5 0.73/19]

(Diagram)

20.Bg5 0.00/22

[White should play 20.Re2!± 1.32/20]

20...Ne5 0.57/22

[20...f6!= 0.00/22 21.Bc1 *(21.Nxd6 cxd6 22.Bc1 Ne5∓)* 21...Ne5]

21.Nxc5±

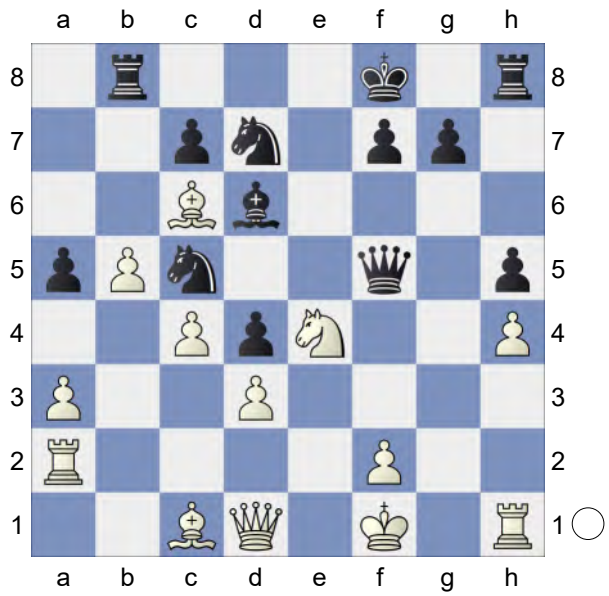
[21.Nxd6 cxd6 22.Bd5 f6∓]

21...Bxc5 1.65/22

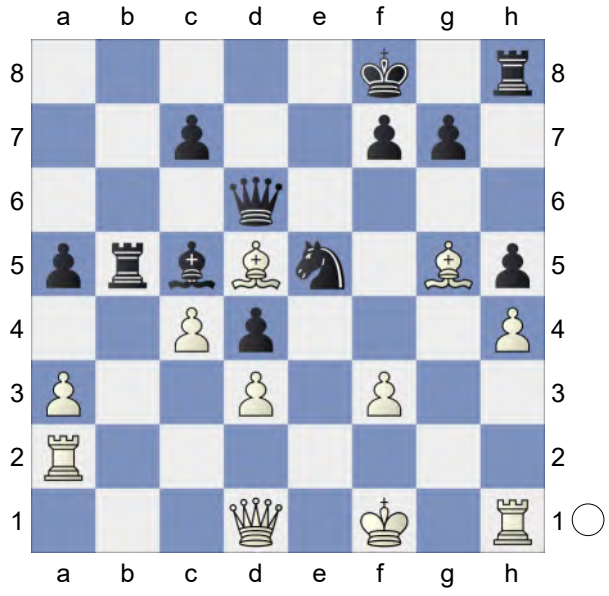
[21...Nxc6± 0.36/21 22.Na6 Ra8]

22.Be4+- Qe6 1.81/21

[22...Qg4± 1.47/21 23.f3 Qe6]



23.Bd5 1.13/20
[23.Re2+- 1.81/21]
23...Qf5± 24.Be4 Qe6 1.82/19
[24...Qd7± 1.32/19]
25.f3 0.46/16
[25.Re2+- 1.82/19]
25...Rxb5!± 26.Bd5 Qd6 0.70/19
[26...Qd7= 0.28/20]



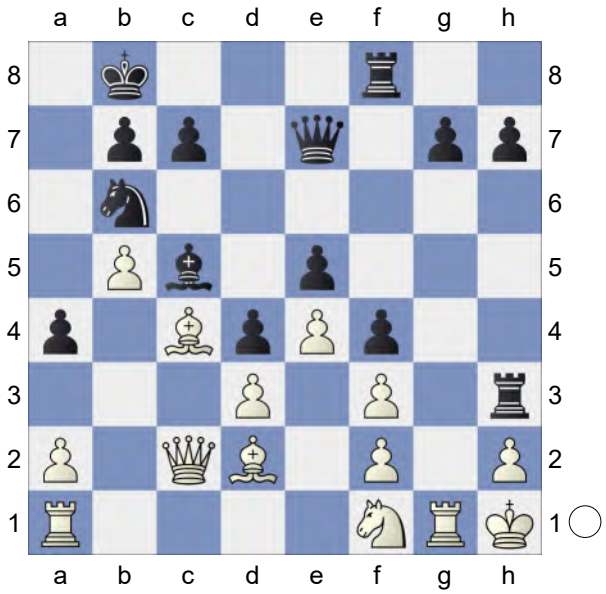
27.Bxf7! Rb7
[27...Rb6 28.Bd5]
28.Bd5 c6 29.Be4 Bxa3 1.44/19
[29...Kf7± 0.70/19]

30.Qa4 0.44/20
[30.c5± 1.44/19 Qxc5 31.Rg1]
30...Bb4 31.f4 Rf7 32.Kg2
[32.Ke2!? Ng4 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Bxc6±]
32...Ng4 33.Qxc6→ White mounts an attack. **33...Qxc6 34.Bxc6 Ne3+ 35.Kf3** Strongly threatening Be4. **35...g6 36.Be4** A strong pair of Bishops. **36...Kg7 37.c5 Ng4 38.c6 Rc8 39.Rc1** 0.76/21
[⌓39.Rg1 1.08/21]
39...Bc3 1.21/18
[⌓39...Ne3 0.76/21]
40.Bd5 Ne5+ 41.Ke2 Really sharp! **41...Nxc6 42.Bxf7 Kxf7 43.Rb1 Re8+** 1.23/23
[Black should try 43...Ra8!± 0.69/20]
44.Kf1 Re3 2.59/20
[44...Nb4? 45.Rxa5 Nxd3 46.Ra7+ Ke6 47.Rb5+-]
[44...Bb4± 1.23/18]
45.Rb6? 0.00/22
[Better is 45.Rb7++- 2.59/20 Kf8 46.Rf2]
45...Nb4? 3.27/21
[45...Re1+!= 0.00/22 and Black is okay. 46.Kg2 Nb4 47.Rf6+ *(47.Rxa5 Re2+ 48.Kh3 Re3+ 49.Kh2 Re2+ 50.Kh3 Re3+ 51.Kh2 Re2+ 52.Kh3=)* 47...Kg7 48.Rxa5 Re2+ 49.Kh3 *(49.Kf1 Re1+ 50.Kg2 Re2+ 51.Kh3 Re3+ 52.Kh2 Re2+ 53.Kh3 Re3+ 54.Kh2 Re2+ 55.Kh3=)* 49...Re3+ 50.Kh2 *(50.Kg2 Re2+ 51.Kh3 Re3+ 52.Kh2 Re2+ 53.Kh3=)* 50...Re2+ 51.Kh3 Re3+ 52.Kh2 *(52.Kg2 Re2+ 53.Kh3=)* 52...Re2+ 53.Kh3]
46.Re2+- Threatens to win with f5!
[Not 46.Rxa5 Re1+ 47.Kg2 Re2+ 48.Kh3 Re3+ 49.Kg2 Re2+ 50.Kh3 Re3+ 51.Kh2 Re2+ 52.Kh3=]

46...Nxd3? 5.62/19
[46...Nd5 2.62/19 was worth a try. 47.Rb7+ Kg8]
47.f5 White is clearly winning. **47...Rxe2 48.fxg6+**
[Weaker is 48.Kxe2 Ne5±]
48...Kg7 49.Kxe2 Nc1+ 50.Bxc1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

A09
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2823**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2779**
Saint Louis Showdown Blitz (2) 14.11.16
[Kitty Kat]

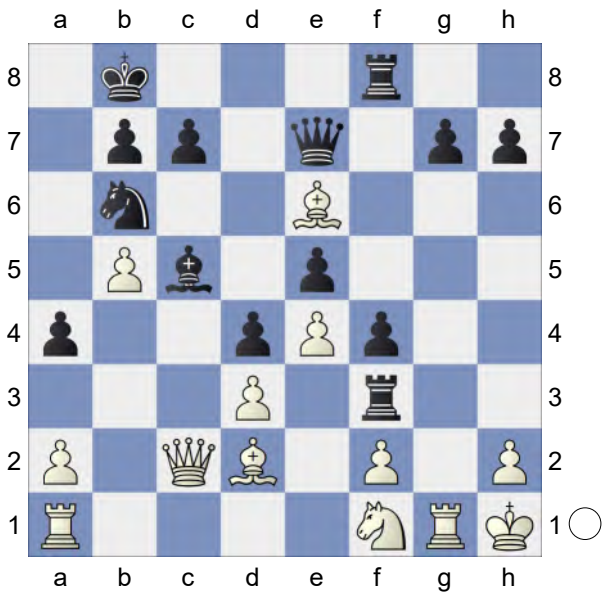
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.b5! Bxc5 8.Bc4! White is slightly better. **8...Bg4N** 1.74/17
[8...dxe3= 0.26/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 9.fxe3 Ne7]
[8...Ne7 9.exd4 exd4 10.Ba3 Bxa3 *(10...Na6 11.0-0 Nb4 12.d3 Bf5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.Nbd2 0-0-0 16.Nh4 Bg6 17.Re1 Ned5 18.Ndf3 Nf4 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc1 Nbd5 21.Re4 Rde8 22.g3 Nh3+ 23.Kg2 Nxf2 24.Bxd5 Nxe4 25.dxe4* Enoch (2476)-Ferri,S (2587) Cleveland 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Pare, Osbun] ½-½ (60) *)* 11.Nxa3 Bg4 12.Nxd4 Nd7 13.Nac2 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.0-0 a4 16.Qc3 0-0-0 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 d4 Chapter 5: Opening Preparation - 1 c4 a 2021 [Fitzsimons,David]]
9.Bxg8+- Nd7 10.Qb3 1.45/17
[10.exd4?! exd4 11.Bc4 Qe7+ 12.Kd1 0-0-0=]
[10.Bc4+- 1.86/20]
10...Qe7± 11.Bc4 1.01/18
[⌓11.h3 1.47/20 Bxf3 12.gxf3]
11...a4 12.Qc2 0-0-0 13.0-0 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nb6 15.d3 f5 16.e4 f4 17.Kh1 Rd6 18.Rg1 Rh6 19.Nd2 1.10/24
[⌓19.Rg2 1.56/24]
19...Rf8 20.Nf1 Kb8 21.Bd2 0.78/20
[White should try 21.Rg4 1.17/20]
21...Rh3? 2.29/18
[21...Qh4± 0.78/20]



22.Be6! Rxf3
[22...Qxe6 23.Qxc5]

(Diagram)

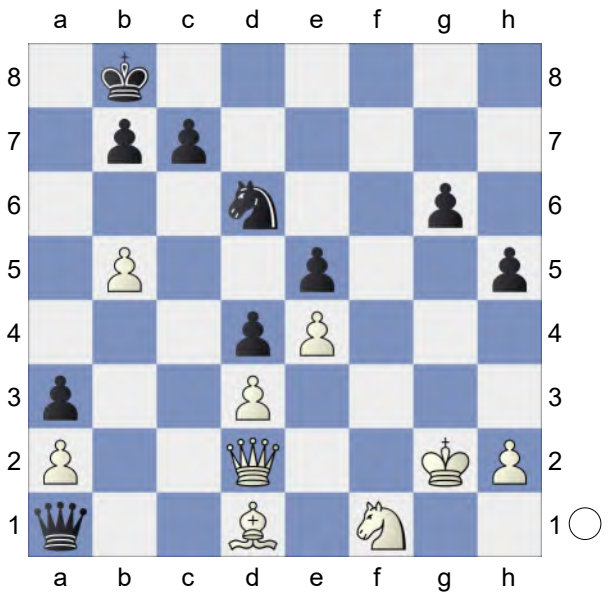
23.Kg2 Re3 24.Bg4 Strongly threatening Rc1.
[Inferior is 24.Bxe3 dxe3 25.fxe3 fxe3±]
24...f3+ 25.Kh1 Re2 26.Rg3
[Stronger than 26.Rc1 Ba3=]
26...Rxf2 27.Kg1 Rg2+
[27...Re2? 28.Bxf3 Rxd2 29.Nxd2+-]



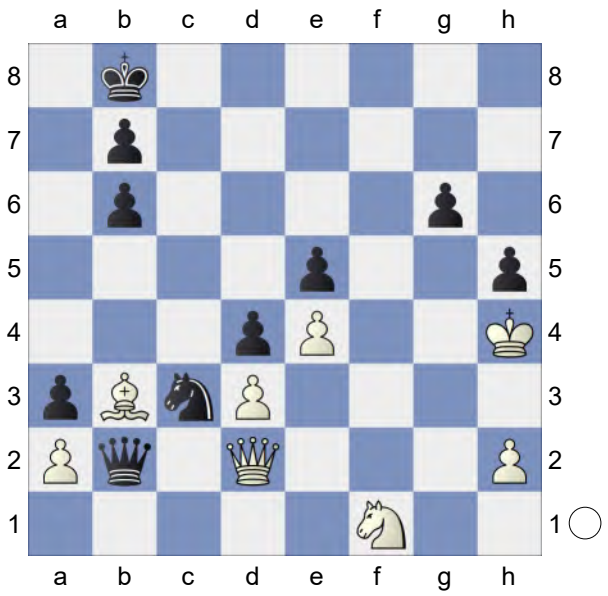
28.Rxg2 fxg2 29.Ng3 aiming for Nf5.
29...g6 Against Nf5 **30.Kxg2** 1.29/23
[30.Bh6+- 1.72/24]
30...h5 31.Be2 Bb4 32.Rf1 0.42/22
[32.Bxb4± 1.32/20 Qxb4 33.Rc1]
32...Bxd2± 33.Qxd2 Rxf1 34.Nxf1 Qc5 35.Qb2! a3 36.Qb3 Qc1 37.Bd1 0.30/20
[Of course not 37.Qg8+?! Ka7=]
[White should play 37.h4± 1.04/23]
37...Nc8 1.29/20
[37...Qg5+!= 0.30/20 keeps the balance. 38.Kh3 Qc1]
38.Qc2 0.41/22
[38.h4± 1.29/20]
38...Qa1 1.72/24
[38...Qg5+± 0.41/22 39.Kh1 Qf6]
39.Qd2 1.35/21
[39.Nd2+- 1.72/24]
39...Nd6 2.20/20
[39...Qb2± 1.35/21]

(Diagram)

Against Nc4 **40.b6!+- cxb6 41.Bb3** Threatens to win with Qg5. **41...Qb2 42.Kh3** Hoping for Qg5. **42...Nb5**

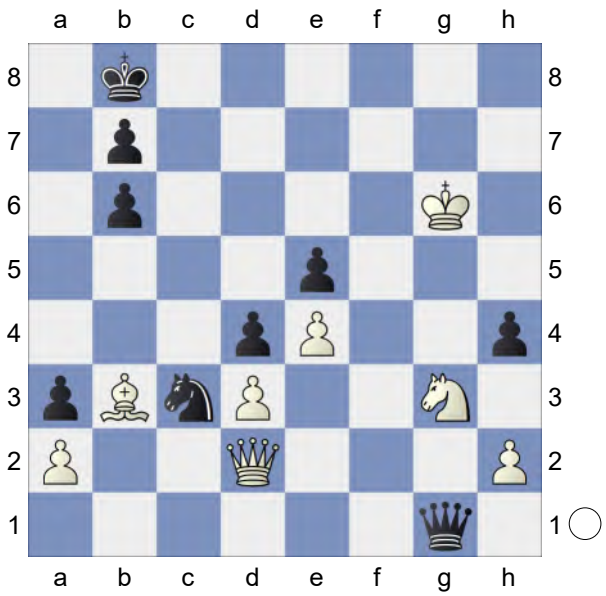


43.Kh4 0.91/25
[43.Qg5+- 1.89/24 is more deadly.]
43...Nc3 2.40/26
[43...Qb1± 0.91/25]



44.Kg5? 0.19/22
[44.Qxb2!+- 2.40/26 axb2 45.Nd2]
44...Qb1= 45.Ng3 Qg1 0.52/23
[45...Qb2= 0.16/26 might be stronger. 46.Nf1 Qb1]
46.Kxg6 And now Qg5 would win.
46...h4

(Diagram)



Pin **47.Qg5 hxg3 48.hxg3 Qe3** The position is equal. **49.Qxe5+ Ka7 50.Bc4** g4 is the strong threat. **50...b5! 51.Qc5+ Ka6 52.Qxa3+ Kb6 53.Qd6+ Ka7 54.Qc5+ Ka6! 55.Qd6+ Ka7 56.Qc5+ Ka6! 57.Qd6+** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise) . Loss on time!?
0-1

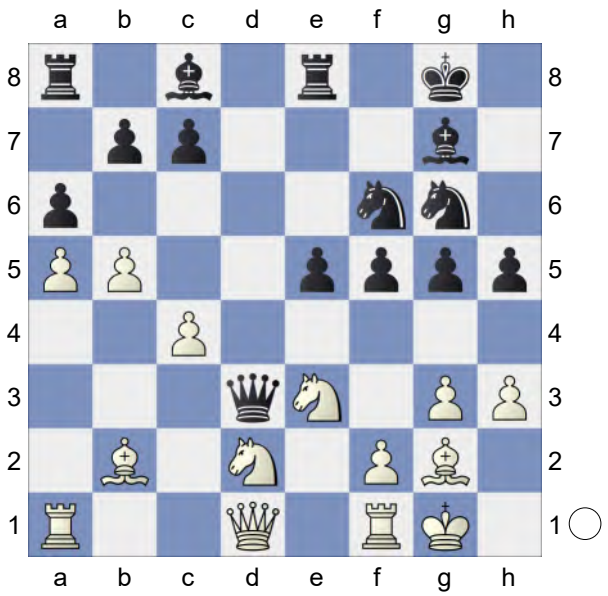
A09

□ **Chigaev,M** **2637**
■ **Kezin,R** **2514**
TCh-RUS Blitz 2022 (7.1) 17.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

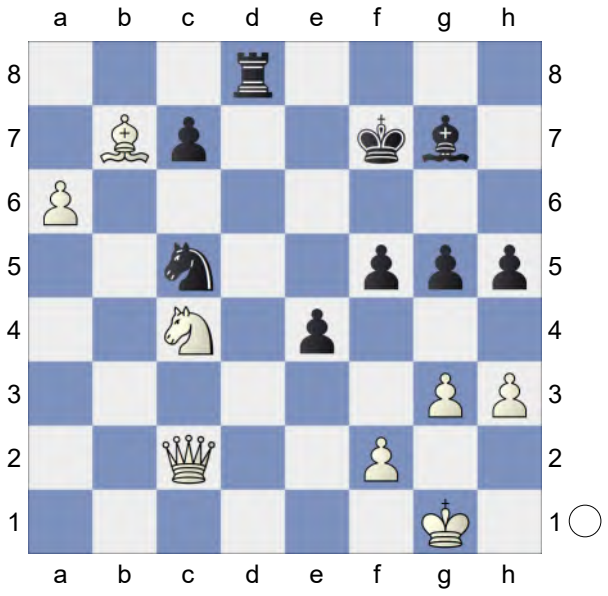
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7 5.d3 h6 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...Ng6N**
[8...0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
9.b5 0-0 10.a4 f5 11.a5
[Resist 11.Ba3 Re8±]
11...Re8 0.69/22
[11...a6= 0.12/19]
12.0-0 0.19/19
[12.a6!± 0.69/22]
12...a6!= 13.Ne1 Nd7 14.Nc2! Nf6 0.46/20
[14...Nc5!= 0.06/20]
15.Bb2 -0.31/18
[15.Nb4± 0.46/20]
15...h5 0.32/20
[15...g4!∓ -0.31/18]
16.e3↑ White has the initiative. **16...dxe3 17.Nxe3 Qxd3?** 4.03/21
[Black should try 17...g4± 0.38/19]

(Diagram)

A mistake that costs the game. **18.Nd5+-**



Rd8 19.Ra3 White is clearly winning. **19...Qxa3 20.Bxa3 axb5 21.Be7 Nxe7 22.Nxe7+ Kf7 23.Nxc8 Raxc8 24.Bxb7 Rb8 25.a6 bxc4 26.Qc2 e4 27.Nxc4 Nd7 28.Rd1 Nc5 29.Rxd8 Rxd8**



30.Ne5+! Bxe5 31.Qxc5 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 Bd4 33.Qxf5+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.60

1-0

A09

□ **Svidler,Peter** **2745**

■ **Li,Chao** **2746**

Moscow Tal Memorial 10th (6) 02.10.16

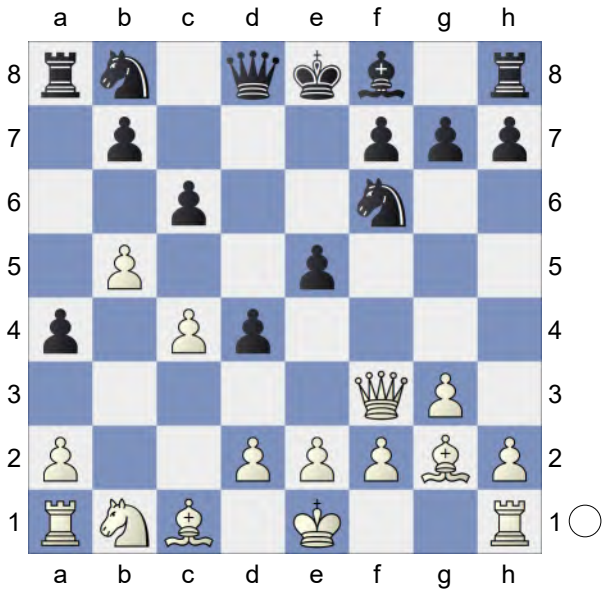
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.g3 a5 6.b5 a4 7.Qd3 Bxf3N 0.75/20

[7...c5= 0.17/21 remains equal. 8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qc2 *(10.0-0 e5 11.Nh4 g5 12.Nf5 Qb6 13.e4* Bologan,V (2640)-Motylev,A (2663) Russia (ch-rapid) 130/(6) 2016 130 Games Section [Tadic,Branko]*)* 10...e6 11.d3 Be7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.g4 Bg6 14.Nh4 Chapter Fcb-Games Game 5]

8.Qxf3± White is better. **8...c6 9.Bg2 e5**



10.0-0! Be7 11.d3 0-0 12.Nd2 h5 1.50/22

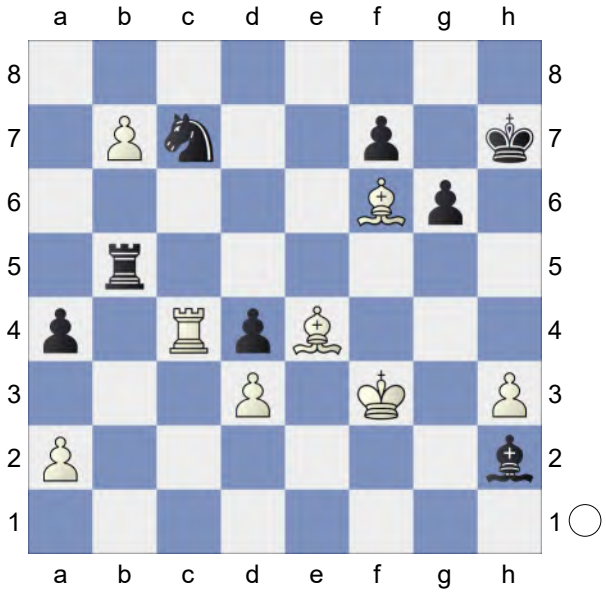
[Black should try 12...Nfd7 0.94/19]

13.h3 1.05/22

[⌓13.Rb1 1.50/22]

13...g6 14.Rb1 Nh7 15.e3 Re8 16.exd4 exd4 1.69/18

[16...Qxd4± 1.28/19 17.bxc6 bxc6]
17.Re1 1.34/17
[17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Ne4 *(18.Rb7 Ng5±)* 18...f5]
[Better is 17.h4+- 1.69/18]
17...h4 2.02/21
[17...Ng5± 1.34/17 18.Qf4 Nd7]
18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rb7 hxg3 20.fxg3 0.52/18
[20.Ne4?! Nd7±]
[White should play 20.Qxg3+- 1.69/18 aiming for Qc7. Nf6 21.Nf3]
20...Bf6? 2.67/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[20...Nd7!± 0.52/18]
21.Ne4+- Nd7 22.Rf1 Rxe4 23.Qxe4
[23.dxe4 Ne5 24.Qd1 Bg5±]
23...Nc5 24.Qxc6 Rc8 25.Qb5
[25.Qf3?! Nxb7 26.Qxb7 Rc7+-]
25...Nxb7 26.Bxb7 This bishop pair is nice.
[26.Qxb7 Rc7 27.Qa6 Be5+-]
26...Rc7 27.Bf4 Re7 28.Be4 Nf8 29.c5
[29.Qxa4 Ne6 30.Qc6 Nxf4+-]
29...Be5 30.Bg5
[30.Qxa4 Bxf4 31.gxf4 *(31.Rxf4 Ne6±)* 31...Ne6±]
30...Bxg3 31.Qb6
[31.Qxa4?! Ne6 32.Bxe7 Qxe7+-]
31...Qxb6 32.cxb6 Re5 33.Bf6 Rb5 34.b7
[34.Bxd4 Ne6 35.Bc6 *(35.Be3 a3±)* 35...Rb4±]
[Resist 34.Kg2 Bb8 35.b7 *(35.Bxd4 Ne6±)* 35...Nd7 36.Bxd4 Rg5+ 37.Kf2 Kf8+-]
34...Ne6 35.Rc1 And now Rc8+ would win. **35...Nc7?** 6.30/21
[35...Bc7 3.93/17 36.Rc4 Kh7 37.Bxd4 *(37.Rxa4 Rb1+ 38.Kg2 Nf4+ 39.Kf2 Nxh3+ 40.Ke2 Rb2+ 41.Kd1 Nf2+ 42.Kc1 Nxe4+-)* 37...Bd6]
36.Kg2 White is clearly winning. **36...Bf4 37.Rc4 Kh7 38.Kf3 Bh2**



39.Rc5!! Prevents Nd5. **39...Kg8 40.Rxb5 Nxb5 41.Bc6 Nc3 42.Bh4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

A09
□ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2524**
■ **Fridman,D** **2574**
IV Coop Saaremaa Rapid (9.5) 04.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)*
6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6

10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

4...g4 5.Nh4 Bg7 0.62/19

[Better is 5...e5= 0.00/20]

6.d3± e5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.h3 -0.21/22

[8.Nd2± 0.57/17]

8...h5 0.48/22

[8...gxh3= -0.21/22 9.Bxh3 Bxh3 10.Rxh3 Qd6]

9.Nd2 a5 0.67/23

[9...f5= 0.28/21]

10.b5 Nd7 11.Ba3 0.43/19

[11.a4± 0.81/23]

11...Nf8 1.22/19

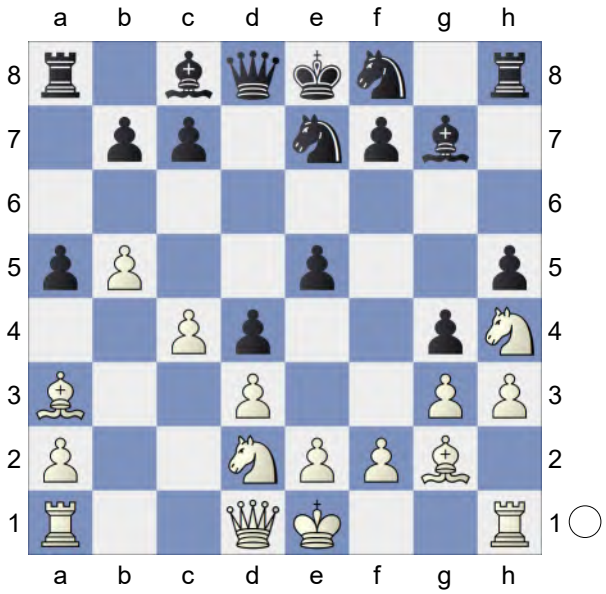
[11...Nf6± 0.43/19]

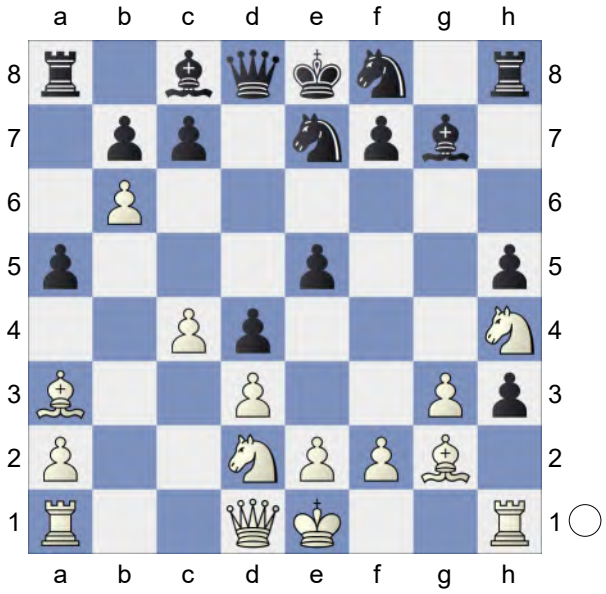
(Diagram)

Black is on the road to losing. **12.b6!±** &Bianco is more active. **12...gxh3** 2.30/21

[12...cxb6± 0.85/19 13.Rb1 Rh6]

(Diagram)





13.bxc7!+- Qxc7 14.Bxh3 Bxh3 15.Rxh3 Qd7 16.Rh1 Black must now prevent Rb1. **16...f5** 2.80/20

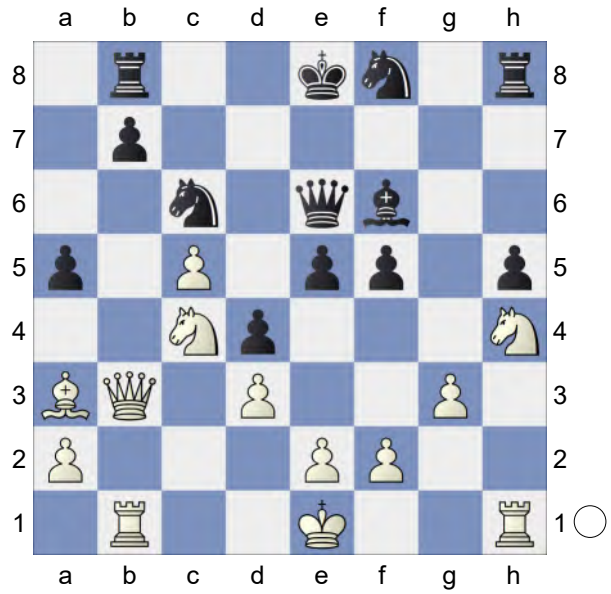
[16...Nfg6 1.98/18 was worth a try. 17.Ne4 Nxh4]

17.Qb3 aiming for Bxe7. **17...Nc6?** 3.73/23

[17...a4 1.82/19 might work better. 18.Qb4 Nfg6]

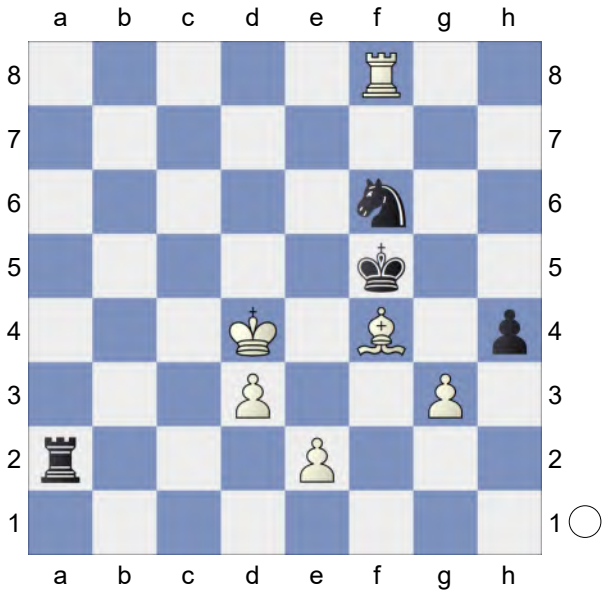
18.Rb1 Nxf5! is the strong threat. **18...Rb8 19.c5 Bf6 20.Nc4 Qe6** 3.16/22

[⌓20...a4 2.00/22 21.Qxa4 Qd5]



21.Nxf5! Kf7 22.Ncd6+ Kg6 23.Nh4+ Bxh4 24.Rxh4
[Don't play 24.gxh4?! Rg8 25.Qxe6+ Nxe6+-]
24...Qxb3 25.Rxb3 Nd7 26.Nxb7
[Less strong is 26.Rxb7 Rxb7 27.Nxb7 Rb8±]
26...Nf6 3.88/21
[⌓26...Rhc8 2.50/22 27.g4 Rh8]
27.Rb6 Rhc8 28.Nd6 Rxb6 29.cxb6 Rb8 30.b7 Nd7 4.95/21
[⌓30...Nd8 3.30/19 31.f4 exf4 32.Rxf4 Nxb7]
31.f4 exf4 32.Rxf4 Nd8 33.Rxd4 Nxb7 34.Nxb7 Rxb7 Endgame KRB-KRN **35.Rd5 a4 36.Rd4 Rb1+ 37.Kf2 Nf6 38.Rxa4 Ng4+ 39.Kg2 Re1 40.Re4 Ra1 41.Bd6 Rxa2 42.Bf4 Rc2 43.Re6+?** 0.35/24
[43.d4+- 3.74/23]
43...Kf5? 3.46/24
[Black should play 43...Kf7!± 0.35/24 44.Re4 Ra2]
44.Re8 Ra2 45.Kf3 Nh2+ 46.Ke3 Ng4+ 47.Kd4 h4 5.03/21
[47...Ra4+ 3.59/18 was called for. 48.Kc3 Kg6]

48.Rf8+ Nf6

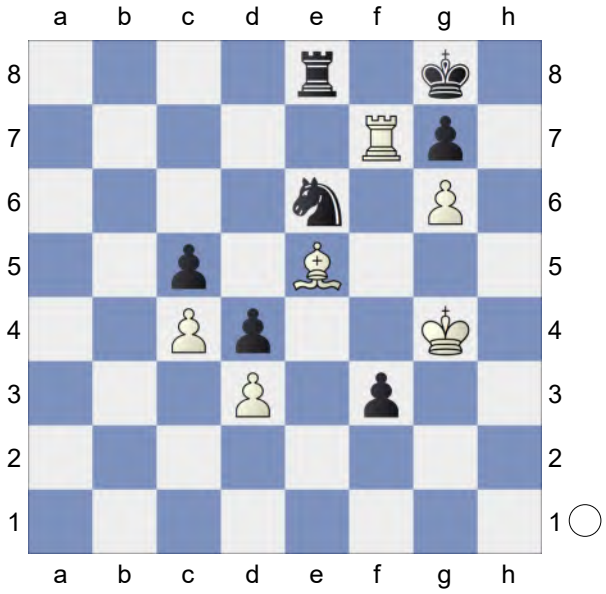


49.gxh4 Ra4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.58
[49...Ke6 50.e4]
1-0

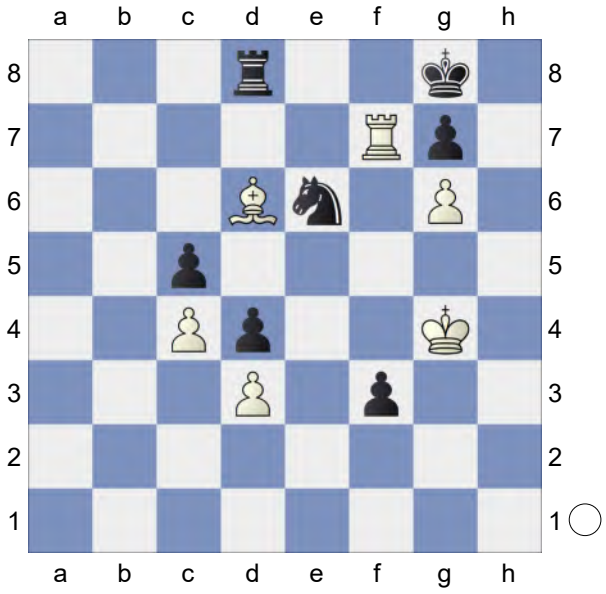
A09
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2792**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2751**
Sinquefield Cup 4th (2) 13.08.2016
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.Na3 e5 5.Nc2 Na6 6.Rb1 c5 7.b5 Nc7 8.d3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bd6N**
[8...b6 9.g3 a6 10.a4 axb5 11.axb5 Bd6 12.Bg2 Bb7 13.0-0 Ne7 14.e3 0-0 15.Ra1 Rxa1 16.Nxa1 dxe3 17.Bxe3 Re8 18.Nc2 Ne6 19.Bd2 Ng6 20.Ne3 Qd7 21.Bc3 Ne7 22.Re1 Bc8 23.Nh4 Palac,M (1823)-Stamenkov,V (1912) Poland 2017 CYB 12 [Kiselev,Sergey; Gagarin,V] 1-0 (53)]
9.g3 b6 10.Bg2 Ne7 11.Nd2 Rb8

12.Ne4 -0.51/23
[12.e3= -0.02/19 deserves consideration.]
12...0-0∓ 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bxb7! Rxb7 16.e3 -0.87/23
[16.f4∓ -0.54/21]
16...Ne6 -0.41/23
[16...dxe3!∓ -0.87/23 17.fxe3 a6]
17.Qf3 Rd7 18.e4 Nc8 -0.06/20
[18...Nd8∓ -0.49/22]
19.Qg2 Qe7 0.00/23
[19...Rdf7∓ -0.33/21]
20.f4 exf4! 21.gxf4 f5! 22.e5 Qe8 23.Ne1 Ne7 24.Rb2 Qa8 -0.12/20
[24...Qh5∓ -0.48/18 feels stronger.]
25.Nf3= Ng6 26.Qg3 a6 27.bxa6 Qxa6 0.70/20
[27...Qc6= 0.15/22]
28.h4!± Rff7 1.66/18
[28...Qb7± 0.57/19]
29.Bd2 0.19/22
[29.h5+- 1.66/18 Ngf8 30.Nh4]
29...Ngf8= 30.Rfb1 Rb7 31.h5 Qa8 32.Qg2
[32.Rxb6 Rxb6 33.Rxb6 Qa7=]
32...Ra7 0.61/23
[32...Qa3= 0.15/20]
33.Ng5 0.00/27
[White should play 33.Rxb6± 0.61/23 Rxa2 34.Rb8]
33...Qxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Nxg5 35.fxg5 Rfe7 36.Rxb6 Rxa2 37.R1b2 Rxb2 38.Rxb2 Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KRN **39.Bf4 Re8 40.Rb7 Ne6 41.Kg3 Ra8 42.g6 hxg6 43.hxg6** Bd6 is the strong threat. **43...Rf8?** 4.52/24
[43...Ra6!= 0.13/23]
44.Be5+- Threatens to win with Re7.
44...Re8 Inhibits Re7. **45.Kh4 Kf8 46.Rf7+ Kg8 47.Kh5**
[47.Rxf5 Nf8 48.Kh5 Re6±]
47...f4 48.Kg4
[Stronger than 48.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 49.Rxf4 Re3=]
48...f3



49.Bd6!
[Inferior is 49.Rxf3 Nf8 50.Bd6 Nxg6=]
49...Rd8? 5.98/25
[49...Nd8± 1.49/22 is more resistant. 50.Rxf3 Nb7]

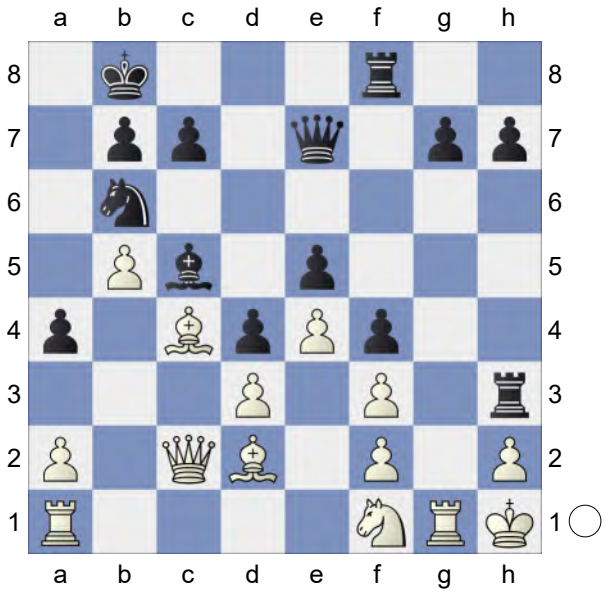


This move loses the game for Black.
50.Be7! White is clearly winning.
50...Re8 51.Kxf3 Nf8 52.Rxf8+
[Weaker is 52.Bxc5 Nxg6 53.Rb7

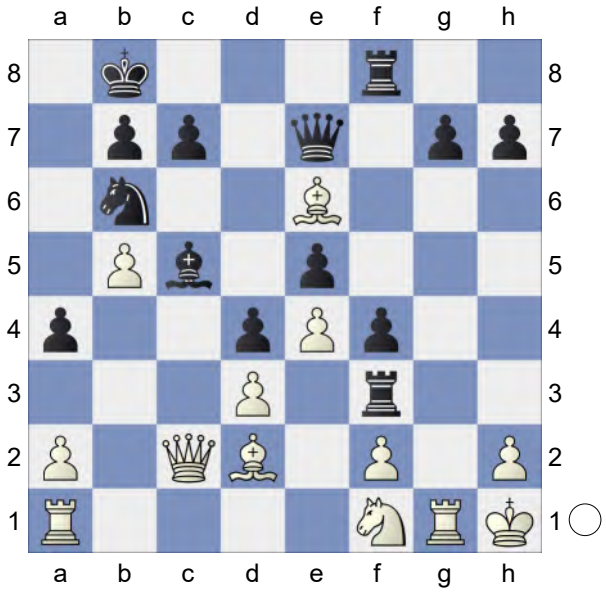
Ne5+ 54.Kg3 Nxd3 55.Bxd4 Rc8±]
52...Rxf8+ 53.Bxf8 Kxf8 54.Ke4 Ke7 55.Ke5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.34
1-0

A09
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2804**
■ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2770**
Leuven GCT rapid (3) 17.06.2016
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.e3 e5 5.c5 a5 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.b5! Bxc5 8.Bc4! White has an edge. **8...Bg4N** 1.83/16
[8...Ne7± 0.32/20 9.exd4 exd4 10.Ba3 Bxa3 *(10...Na6 11.0-0 Nb4 12.d3 Bf5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.Nbd2 0-0-0 16.Nh4 Bg6 17.Re1 Ned5 18.Ndf3 Nf4 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bc1 Nbd5 21.Re4 Rde8 22.g3 Nh3+ 23.Kg2 Nxf2 24.Bxd5 Nxe4 25.dxe4* Enoch (2476)-Ferri,S (2587) Cleveland 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Pare, Osbun] ½-½ (60) *)* 11.Nxa3 Bg4 12.Nxd4 Nd7 13.Nac2 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qd6 15.0-0 a4 16.Qc3 0-0-0 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 d4 Chapter 5: Opening Preparation - 1 c4 a 2021 [Fitzsimons,David]]
9.Bxg8+- Nd7 10.Qb3
[10.exd4 exd4 11.Bc4 Qe7+ 12.Kd1 0-0-0=]
10...Qe7 Prevents Qf7+. **11.Bc4 a4 12.Qc2 0-0-0** 1.41/18
[⌓12...f5 1.03/21 13.h4 d3 14.Bxd3 *(14.Qxd3 e4±)* 14...e4]
13.0-0± Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nb6 1.99/20
[14...f5± 1.40/19 15.Qxf5 Rhf8]
15.d3 1.48/21
[Better is 15.Be2+- 1.99/20]
15...f5 16.e4 f4 17.Kh1 Rd6 18.Rg1 Rh6 19.Nd2 Rf8 20.Nf1 Kb8 21.Bd2 Rh3 2.09/22
[21...Qh4± 0.84/20 might work better.]

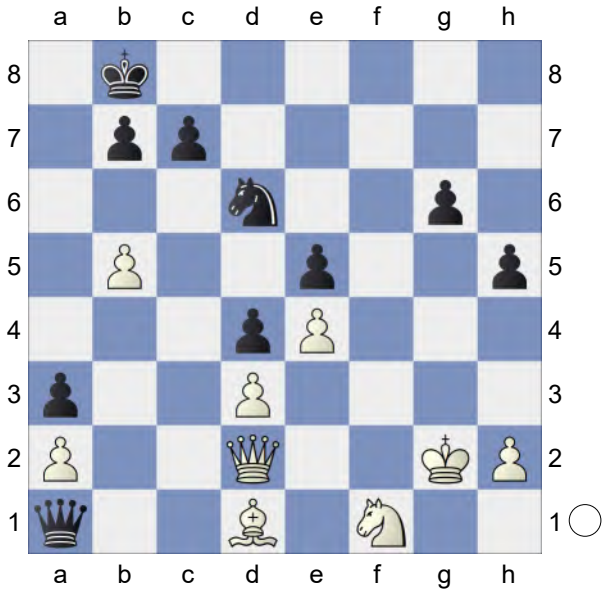


22.Be6!+- Rxf3

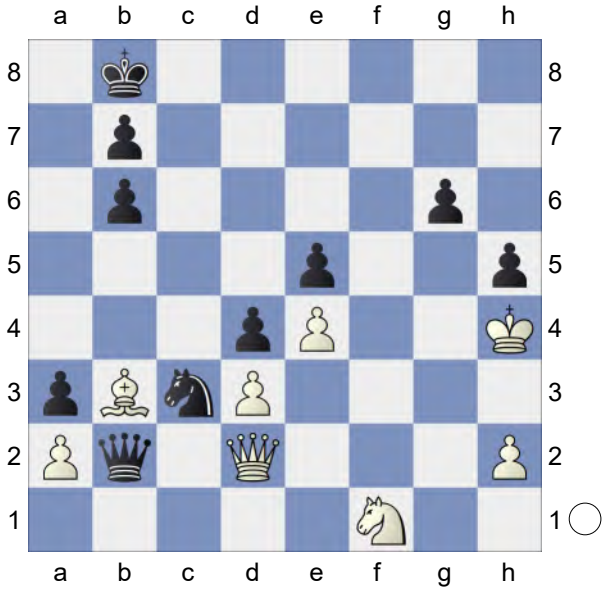


23.Kg2 Re3
[23...Rxd3 24.Qxd3 Qxe6 25.Kh1]
24.Bg4
[Don't play 24.fxe3 dxe3 25.Bg4

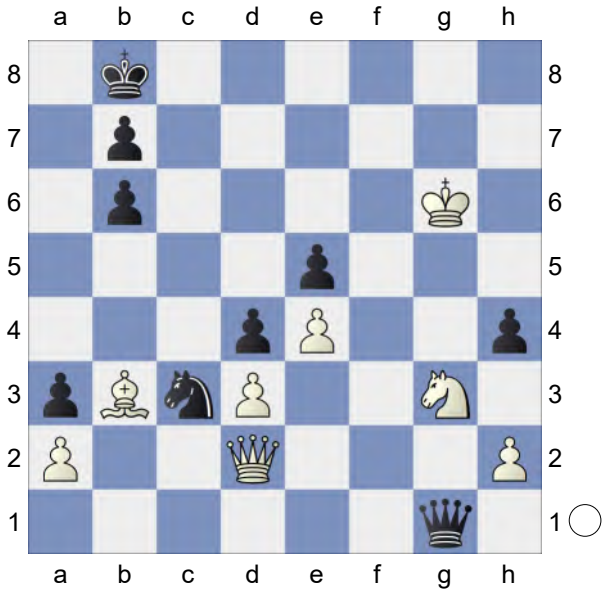
exd2]
24...f3+ 25.Kh1 Re2 26.Rg3 aiming for Kg1.
[And not 26.Rc1 Ba3=]
26...Rxf2 27.Kg1 Rg2+
[27...Re2? 28.Bxf3 Rxd2 29.Nxd2+-]
28.Rxg2 Dancing on a razor blade.
28...fxg2 29.Ng3 And now Nf5 would win. **29...g6** Inhibits Nf5. **30.Kxg2 h5 31.Be2 Bb4 32.Rf1** 0.45/22
[32.Bxb4± 1.30/20 Qxb4 33.Rc1]
32...Bxd2± 33.Qxd2 Rxf1 34.Nxf1 Qc5 0.87/21
[34...Nd7± 0.53/21]
35.Qb2!± a3 36.Qb3 Qc1 37.Bd1 0.46/19
[Of course not 37.Qg8+?! Ka7=]
[37.h4!± 0.91/22]
37...Nc8 1.41/24
[37...Qg5+!± 0.46/19 38.Kh3 Qc1]
38.Qc2 0.44/21
[38.h4± 1.41/24]
38...Qa1 1.72/24
[38...Qg5+± 0.44/21 39.Kh1 Qf6]
39.Qd2 Nd6 1.98/19
[39...Na7± 1.54/24 was worth a try.]



40.b6!+- cxb6 41.Bb3 Black must now prevent Qg5. **41...Qb2 42.Kh3** Hoping for Qg5. **42...Nb5 43.Kh4** 0.81/24
[43.Qg5+- 2.01/24 has better winning chances.]
43...Nc3? 2.54/28
[43...Qb1± 0.81/24 was called for.]



44.Kg5? 0.15/20
[44.Qxb2!+- 2.54/28 axb2 45.Nd2]
44...Qb1= 45.Ng3 Strongly threatening Ne2. **45...Qg1 46.Kxg6 h4**



Pin **47.Qg5 hxg3 48.hxg3 Qe3** The position is equal. **49.Qxe5+ Ka7 50.Bc4** Threatens to win with g4. **50...b5! 51.Qc5+ Ka6 52.Qxa3+ Kb6 53.Qd6+ Ka7 54.Qc5+ Ka6! 55.Qd6+ Ka7 56.Qc5+ Ka6! 57.Qd6+** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

A09

□ **Anton Guijarro,D** **2688**
■ **Urkedal,F** **2549**
Online Olym Top DivB 2020 rapid (5.5)
[Imre, Hera]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 This move is actually the second most popular continuation with 22 games in the Mega Database 2021. It stops Black's aggressive advance, thus the game will not yield to a wild theoretical battle. **4...h6 5.d3**
[5.Bb2 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.g3 0-0 In comparison to those, more common lines of the Reti opening, that begin with 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.c4 d4 5.b4 Black has already more potential on the kingside, so his play becomes pretty obvious: focusing on building his attack. 9.Bg2
A) It is interesting to mention certain finesses on 9...a5N
A1) 10.b5 c5
A1a) 11.bxc6 Nexc6! A smart recapture! The e7-knight was not so attractive, but the most important for Black is to create a good blockade on the queenside in time, before White activates his pieces with Ba3, Rb1. 12.0-0 *(12.Ba3 Nb4)* 12...Na6 13.Ba3 Nab4 14.Ne1 f5! 15.Nc2 e4↑;
A1b) 11.0-0 Be6 12.Qc2 Ng6 13.e3 Nd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Rae1 Re8 16.Ne4 Qc7 with a pleasant game for Black thanks to the long-term space advantage.;
A2) 10.a3 Nd7 *(10...Ng6!? 11.0-0 f5)* 11.0-0 *(11.c5 Nd5)* 11...c5 *(11...f5 12.c5⇄)* 12.Ne4! *(12.bxc5?! a4! 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nd6 Nxc5 15.Nxc8 Rxc8∓)* 12...axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 cxb4 15.e3 f5 16.Nd6 dxe3 17.Nxc8 exf2+ 18.Rxf2 Qxc8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qd7 and after the big skirmish the chances are roughly equal.;
B) 9...f5 10.a4 *(10.0-0 Ng6 - Ctrl f7)* 10...a5 11.b5 c5 could be a logical follow-up too.;
C) 9...Ng6 10.0-0 f5 - Ctrl f7 *(10...Be6N* comes into serious consideration. *11.Nb3 Qc8 12.Kh2 Nd7∓)* 11.a4 Nd7 *(11...a5* is not so advisable here anymore *12.b5 c5 13.bxc6 Nxc6 14.Ba3±)* 12.a5 Rb8!N I would propose this prophylaxis in order to prevent a5-a6. *(12...Nf6?* happened in the only game we can find so far Mitrabha - Kollars, Internet (blitz) 2019. Although the move may look natural, it was rather a premature as it allowed *13.a6↑* and then black queenside will be demolished.*)* 13.c5 h5 14.Nc4 *(14.b5 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nh2 Re8 17.Qb3+ Kh7 18.Rfc1 Nf6*

with an easier game for Black.*)* 14...g4 A consequent continuation. *(* There is nothing wrong with *14...a6* either, which perfectly intercepts the enemy army on the queenside.*)* 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nfd2 Qg5 17.b5 Qh5 *(17...Nxc5* allows White counterplay. *18.Ba3 b6 19.axb6 axb6 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Ra7)* 18.Ba3 *(18.b6 axb6 19.cxb6 c5 20.Qb3 Kh8 21.Ba3 Bf6 22.Nd6 Bg5)* 18...Rf6 19.Qb3 Kh8 20.b6 axb6 21.cxb6 c5 and the clouds gather over White's head on the kingside.]

5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6!? I am not convinced that this prudence to decrease the tension on the long diagonal was that necessary at all, as it allows White to get access to the black camp easier on the queenside.

[Going forward straight away 9...f5 was of course another possibility. 10.0-0 Ng6]

10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3?! Opening the a1-h8 diagonal was hardly the best choice.

[Bombing the target quickly by 11.a4 f5 12.b5 would have been more to the point.]

11...dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2

[13.b5!? cxb5 14.cxb5 Nc7 15.a4 *(15.b6? Nd5 16.Bc5 Re8 17.bxa7 b6-+)* 15...Nd5∓]

13...e4?! A quite greedy reaction.

[13...f5 could have also been far from pleasant for White. 14.b5 cxb5 15.cxb5 Nc7 16.Rac1 *(16.a4 Be6∓)* 16...Nxb5 17.Qb4 Nc7 with a healthy extra pawn.]

14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 -0.23/27

[⩲17.Bf1 0.23/22]

17...Rad8 18.a3?! A too passive continuation. The Spanish grandmaster wanted to free his bishop in order to omit the d-file.

[White should have gone for the pawn 18.Nxb7 Rb8 19.Na5 Nxb4 20.a3 Nd3 21.Nxc6 Rb6 22.Ncd4 Rfb8 Threatens to win with ...Rb1+. 23.Nxe6 Strongly threatening Ned4. Rb1+ 24.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 25.Bf1! Black must now prevent Kg2! fxe6 26.Kg2 Rb3 27.a4 Nge5 28.Nxe5 Nxe5 29.c5⩱]

18...Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2

[20.Bxa7 Rd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 22.Kh2 Ra1 23.b5! cxb5 24.cxb5 Nc7 25.Nd4 Rxa3 ...Nxb5 is the strong threat. 26.Bb6 Na8 27.Bd8 Rd3 28.Nxe6 fxe6 29.Nxb7 Rd7 -0.08/14 *(29...Rd2∓* -0.40/24 *)* 30.e5!= Nxe5 31.Bf6⩱]

20...c5! 21.bxc5 Rc8?! -0.16/23 There was no need to leave the open file, because the knight could have also stopped the enemy pawn.

[Surprisingly 21...Nb8! regrouping was stronger, although the manoeuvre looks a bit slow. 22.Rb1 Nc6 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.Rb4! Rd3 25.Ra4 R8d7∓]

[21...Nb8∓ -0.48/27 was preferrable.]

22.c6!= bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5?! Another error in a difficult position.

[24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.e5! was objectively better, but there were still couple of quite complicated lines. Nxe5 *(25...Rb8 26.Bc6! Rf7 27.Bb5 Nc7 28.Nc6)* 26.Bb7 Rxb7! 27.Nxb7 Nxc4 28.Re1!⩱ and in spite of the pawn down, White could manage good drawing chances due to the vulnerable enemy pawns.]

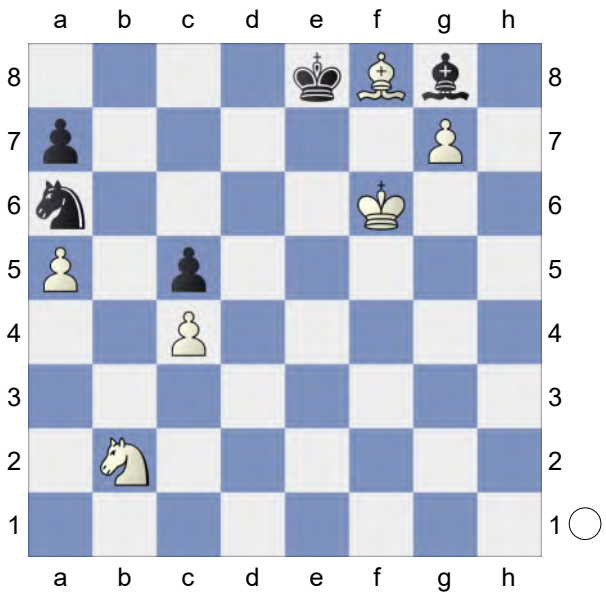
24...Ne5 25.Rc1 -0.99/26

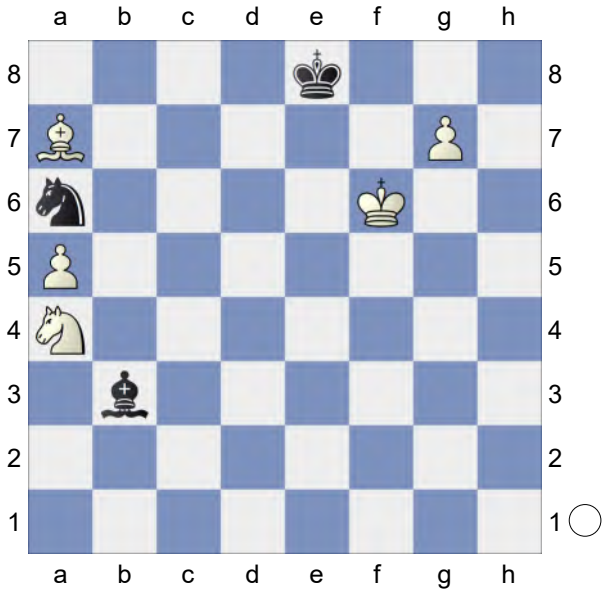
[25.Nc3∓ -0.38/22]

25...g4 -0.58/25
[It was more advisable to double on the open file. 25...Rcd8 26.Nc3 Inhibits Rd1. Rd3!∓]
[25...Rb8∓ -0.99/26]
26.Bxh6∓ gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+? 0.00/31 A wrongly evaluated simplification.
[27...Nb8! 28.Be3 Nbc6 29.Nxc6 Rxc6∓ would have still given good winning chances.]
[27...Nb8!∓ -0.80/25]
28.Bxg4= Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3!? Regrouping the knight to d5 was an ambitious plan, although later on the a3-pawn could become vulnerable.
[Fighting against the intruder 31.Rc3 was more solid. Be2 32.f3∞]
31...Bh5? 1.97/23 A big blunder around the time control.
[It was time to improve that misplaced knight finally. 31...Nb8! 32.Nd5 And now Nf6+ would win. *(32.Bxc5?? -2.44/23 32.Nd5 -0.17 Bf3+ 33.Kf1 Nd7 34.Bb4 Ne5-+)* 32...Nd7 Against Nf6+ 33.f3 Be6 with a preferable position for Black, although he has to work a lot for the full point still.]
[31...Nb8= -0.12/28 and Black stays safe.]
32.Nd5+- Kg7 2.84/26
[32...Bg6± 1.57/21]
33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4?! 1.19/24 Allowing the centralization of the black king.
[40.f4 Kf6 41.f5 Ke5 42.Bf4+ Kd4 43.Bd6+-]
[40.f4+- 2.89/24 has better winning chances.]
40...Kf6± 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 1.15/24
[⌓43.Nb7 1.60/30]
43...Ba4± 44.Nb7 1.09/27
[⌓44.Be5! 1.49/25]
44...Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 1.74/26
[46...Bg2± 0.87/27 47.Ke3 Bh3]
47.Ke3 1.06/23
[Better is 47.g5+- 1.74/26]
47...Bb1 2.19/23
[47...Bg2± 1.06/23 might work better. 48.Ng5 Bf1]
48.Ne5++- Kc7 3.57/27
[⌓48...Ke6 2.19/28 49.Nc6 Ba2]
49.g5+- Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 8.28/21
[⌓50...Nb8 4.23/25 51.g7 Bh7]
51.Nd3+- Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Bh7 54.Bd6 Kb6 55.Kf4 Kc6 56.Ke5 Bg8 57.a4? 0.87/30 Spoiling out a big opportunity.
[57.Nd1! Hoping for Ne3.Helping the pawn with the knight was required. Bxc4 58.Ne3 Bb3 59.Nf5+-]
[57.Nd1!+- 4.08/25]
57...Kd7 58.Bf8 Kc6 59.Kf6 0.67/25
[59.Nd1± 1.01/24]
59...Kd7? 4.18/24 Returning the favour.
[59...Nb8 was more stubborn.]
[Black should try 59...Nb8!± 0.67/25]
60.a5? 2.16/26
[60.Nd3+-]
[⌓60.Nd3 4.18/24]
60...Ke8

(Diagram)

61.Na4 0.83/22
[61.Ke5!+- 2.08/25 is more deadly.]
61...Bxc4? 4.36/20
[61...Nb8± 0.83/22]
62.Bxc5+- Bg8 63.Bxa7 Bb3 6.31/28
[⌓63...Kd7 4.28/22 64.Bb6 Bb3]





64.Nc5?? 2.74/21 Forgetting about the rule of the bad corner.
[64.Nc3 was still winning easily.]
[⌓64.Bd4! 6.31/28 Bg8 *(64...Kd7 65.Nc3)* 65.Nc3]
64...Nxc5+- 65.Bxc5 Kd7 66.a6 Kc6 67.Ke7 Kc7 68.Ba7 Kc8 69.Kd6 Bg8 70.Kc6 Ba2 71.Kb6 Bg8 72.Kc5 Bf7 73.Kd6 Bg8 74.Ke7 Kc7 75.Kf8 Ba2? 4.86/23
[75...Bc4 2.42/19 76.Ke7 Kc6]
76.g8Q+- Bxg8 77.Kxg8 Kc6 78.Be3 Kc7 79.Kf7
[Worse is 79.Ba7 Kc6=]
79...Kb8 80.Ba7+? 0.00/99
[80.Kf8+- 1.70/17]
80...Kxa7= 81.Ke6 Kxa6
½-½

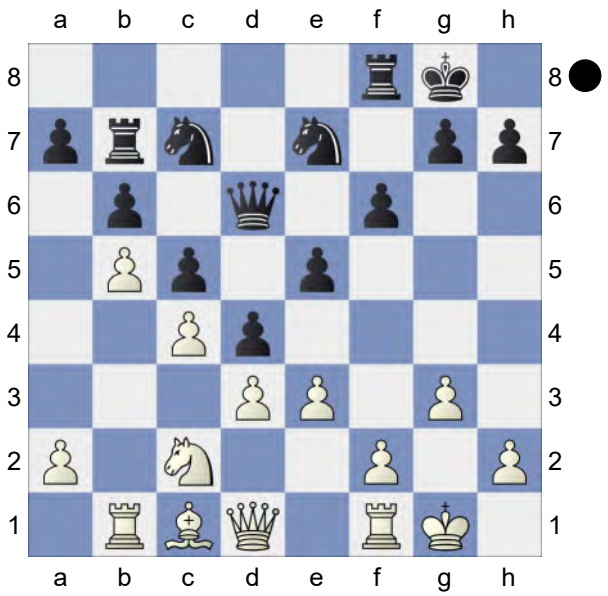
A09

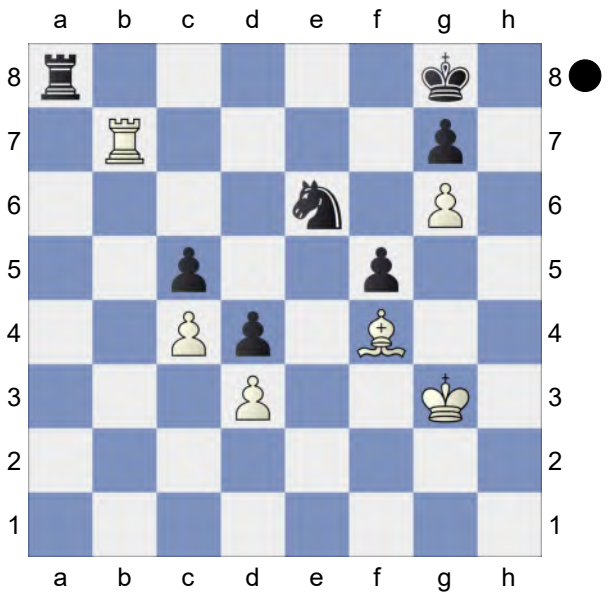
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2792**
■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2761**
Paris GCT rapid (9) 10.06.2016
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.Na3 e5 5.Nc2 Na6 6.Rb1 c5 7.b5 Nc7 8.d3! Black is slightly better. **8...Bd6N**
[8...b6 9.g3 a6 10.a4 axb5 11.axb5 Bd6 12.Bg2 Bb7 13.0-0 Ne7 14.e3 0-0 15.Ra1 Rxa1 16.Nxa1 dxe3 17.Bxe3 Re8 18.Nc2 Ne6 19.Bd2 Ng6 20.Ne3 Qd7 21.Bc3 Ne7 22.Re1 Bc8 23.Nh4 Palac,M (1823)-Stamenkov,V (1912) Poland 2017 CYB 12 [Kiselev,Sergey; Gagarin,V] 1-0 (53)]
9.g3 b6 10.Bg2 Ne7 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Ne4 -0.39/22
[12.e3= -0.01/19 deserves consideration.]
12...0-0 13.Nxd6 -0.82/18
[13.0-0∓ -0.39/20]
13...Qxd6∓ 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.e3

(Diagram)

Ne6 -0.46/24
[16...dxe3!∓ -0.88/23 17.fxe3 a6]
17.Qf3∓ Rd7 Hoping for ...dxe3. **18.e4 Nc8** -0.07/20
[18...f5∓ -0.50/22]

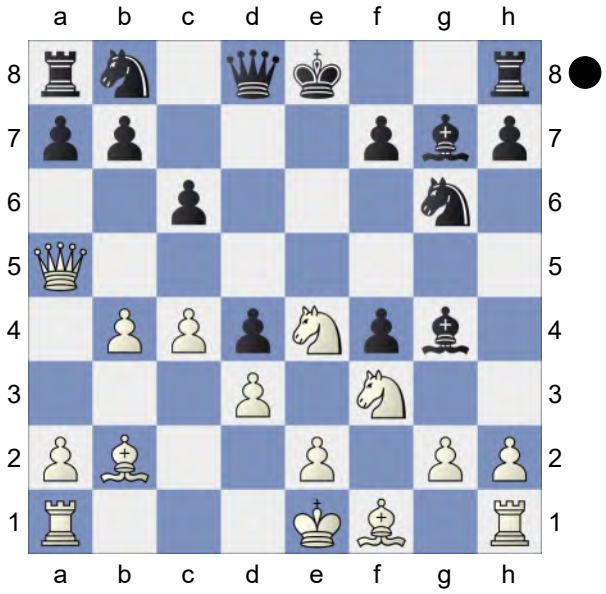




19.Qg2 Qe7 20.f4 exf4! 21.gxf4 -0.45/20
[21.Bxf4= -0.14/23 Nxf4 22.gxf4]
21...f5! 22.e5 Qe8 23.Ne1 Ne7 24.Rb2 Qa8 0.00/22
[24...Qg6∓ -0.48/19]
25.Nf3= Ng6 26.Qg3 a6 27.bxa6 Qxa6 0.58/20
[27...Qc6= 0.20/23 might be stronger.]
28.h4!± Rff7 1.51/20
[28...Qb7± 0.59/21]
29.Bd2 0.15/20
[29.h5± 1.51/20 Ngf8 30.Nh4]
29...Ngf8= 30.Rfb1 Rb7 31.h5 Qa8! 32.Qg2
[Reject 32.Rxb6 Rxb6 33.Rxb6 Qa7=]
32...Ra7 0.61/20
[32...Qa3= 0.12/19]
33.Ng5 -0.04/25
[Better is 33.Rxb6± 0.61/20 Rxa2 34.Rb8]
33...Qxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Nxg5 35.fxg5 Rfe7 36.Rxb6 Rxa2 37.R1b2 Rxb2 38.Rxb2 Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KRN
39.Bf4 Re8 40.Rb7 Ne6 41.Kg3 Ra8 42.g6 hxg6 43.hxg6
aiming for Bd6. **43...Rf8?** 4.95/25
[43...Ra6!= 0.09/24 and Black stays safe.]
44.Be5+- And now Re7 would win.
44...Re8 Prevents Re7. **45.Kh4 Kf8 46.Rf7+ Kg8 47.Kh5 f4 48.Kg4 f3 49.Bd6**
[49.Rxf3 Nf8 50.Bd6 Nxg6=]
49...Rd8? 5.22/24 Loses the game.
[49...Nd8± 1.59/23 is more resistant. 50.Rxf3 Nb7]
50.Be7 White is clearly winning.
50...Re8 51.Kxf3 Nf8 40.24/20
[⌓51...Nd8 4.92/19 52.Bxd8 Rxd8]
52.Rxf8+
[Weaker is 52.Bxc5 Nxg6 53.Rb7 Ne5+ 54.Kg3 Nxd3 55.Bxd4 Rc8±]
52...Rxf8+ 53.Bxf8 Kxf8 54.Ke4 Ke7 55.Ke5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

A09
□ **Moiseenko,Va** **2542**
■ **Riazantsev,A** **2634**
TCh-RUS Rapid 2021 (2.1) 15.10.2021
[Kiitty Kat]

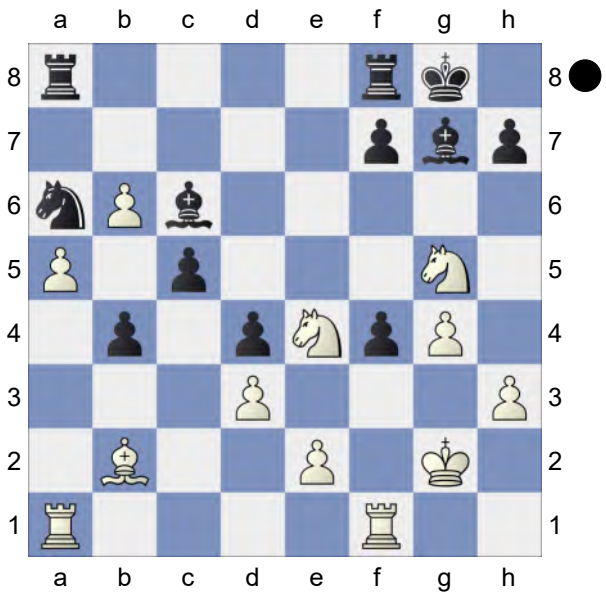
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...c6 5.Nxg5N
[5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 Section-N,N [Neustroev,Viktor] 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Ludwig,W (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]
[5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 Bg7 7.g3 h5 8.h4 b5 9.cxb5 Qd5 10.Rg1 cxb5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.a4 Nf6 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Ndc4 0-0 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bg2 Nd5 18.Qb3 Nc6 19.b5 Ne5 Markowski,T (2616)-Navara,D (2702) Wroclaw 2011 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (48)]
5...e5 6.d3 Bh6! 7.f4 exf4 8.Nf3
Black is slightly better. **8...Bg4** 0.22/22
[8...a5∓ -0.39/20]
9.Nbd2 -0.27/20
[9.Qa5! 0.22/22 feels stronger. Nd7 10.Qxd8+ Rxd8 11.Nbd2]
9...Ne7 10.Ne4 -0.51/22
[10.Qa5= -0.19/21]
10...Ng6∓ 11.Bb2 -0.82/21
[11.h4!∓ -0.48/22 should be considered. f5 12.Nc5]
11...Bg7 -0.49/19
[11...0-0∓ -0.82/21]
12.Qa5!



Black must now prevent Qxd8+. **12...b6** -0.14/19
[12...Na6∓ -0.51/22]
13.Qg5= Qxg5 14.Nfxg5 0-0 15.h3 Bd7 16.g4! a5 17.c5 axb4 18.cxb6 Na6 0.22/20
[18...Ra5∓ -0.48/19]
19.a4 With the idea Nd2. **19...c5 20.a5** -0.67/24
[20.Nd2!± 0.39/20]
20...Bc6 -0.34/24
[20...c4 -0.67/24 deserves consideration. 21.dxc4 Bc6]
21.Bg2 Nh4 22.0-0 -2.13/21
Now White is beyond hope.
[22.Nf6+!= -0.14/22 and White is okay. Bxf6 23.Bxc6 Bxg5 24.Bc1]
22...Nxg2-+ 23.Kxg2

(Diagram)

c4!
[Worse is 23...f5 24.gxf5 c4 25.Ne6= *(25.dxc4 Rxf5 26.Kf2 f3=; 25.Rxf4 c3=)*]
24.Bc1 c3 25.Bxf4 -2.76/24



[25.Kf2 -1.92/20 was worth a try.]

25...b3 Threatens to win with ...b2.

26.Bd6 -3.63/24

[26.Bc1 -2.27/19 keeps fighting. Nc5 27.Rf5]

26...b2 27.Rab1 Rfe8 Dancing on a razor blade. **28.Kf2?** -4.31/25

[28.Ba3 -2.16/20]

28...h6 29.Nf3 Rxe4 30.dxe4 Bxe4 This bishop pair is nice. Black is clearly winning. **31.Bf4 Nc5 32.e3 Bxb1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2724**
■ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2604**

LOTTO Polish Championship (9.3)
[David Cummings]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5!? A dynamic idea that deserves more attention. We have looked at the main moves 3...f6 (see for example Aronian-Topalov) and 3...Bg4 (see e.g. Eljanov-Edouard) a number of times, while 3...g5 was first featured on the site in the 2015 game Bocharov-Morozevich. **4.Bb2** This is a critical line, since here White forces the win of a pawn. Instead White has tried a wide range of alternatives:

[4.Nxg5 e5 the early g-pawn thrust is justified by the fact that after this sequence, the knight is attacked and the b4-pawn is hanging. 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Ba3 *(8.Bd2* was Bocharov's later improvement, but Black still got a decent game after *Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5* in Bocharov,D (2583)-Pridorozhni,A (2571) Taganrog 2018 0-1 (38)*)* 8...h5 9.Nd2 h4 and Black has an easier game, see Bocharov-Morozevich in the Archives]

[4.d3 g4 5.Nfd2 e5 6.Qb3 a5 7.b5 Nd7 8.e3 Nc5 9.Qc2 Bf5 10.e4 Be6 11.Nb3 a4 gave Black a tangible space advantage in Frisk,E (2266)-Shyam,S (2489) Caleta 2015 0-1 (50)]

[4.h3 was Bartel's own choice when he faced this line as White. It didn't work out well, and so perhaps inspired him to prepare this line as Black. h6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4?! *(6.e3* chips away at Black's centre*)* 6...e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warsaw 2016 1/ 2-1/2 (29), and now after Qf6 Black has a great position as White can hardly develop his kingside.]

[4.Qa4+ c6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e3 e5 7.exd4 e4 8.Ng1 Bxd4 9.Nc3 Elsness,F (2477) -Ragger, M (2668) Norway 2018 0-1 (34), and now

simplest is Nf6 10.Nge2 Be5 with chances for both sides]

[4.Qb3!? is a tricky move which sets an immediate trap Bg7 *(4...g4?* allows *5.Nxd4!* because of *Qxd4 6.Bb2* etc. *)* 5.Nxg5 e5 as played in Di Benedetto,D (2137)-Kollars,D (2505) Rome 2016 0-1 (40) , and here Demuth analyzes 6.Qg3!? Ne7 7.Ne4 Ng6 8.h4 f5 leading to a very unclear position]

4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! In return for the sacrificed pawn, Black now gets a large mobile pawn centre with gain of time. White's minor pieces are deprived of active squares, and this theme persists for a long time in this game. **6.Ne4 f5!** Black has compensation. **7.Nc5** White has also tried the alternate knight move:

[7.Ng3 -0.59/18 7.Nc5 -0.28 but this looks inferior as Black can generate kingside play by hitting the knight again, for example Nf6 8.e3 -1.42/18 *(8.e4!∓* -0.56/17 *)* 8...0-0!∓ 9.c5 f4 10.Bc4+ -2.35/18 *(10.Nh5∓* -1.25/18 *fxe3 11.fxe3 Nxh5 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.Qxh5)* 10...Kh8-+ 11.Ne2 -3.21/18 *(⌓11.Nh5* -1.96/18 *Bg4 12.Be2 Bxh5 13.Bxh5)* 11...d3 12.Nc1 e4 White's pieces are almost buried. And now ...Ng4 would win. 13.exf4 -2.80/20 *(13.0-0* -1.71/18 was necessary. *Ng4 14.Bxg7+ Kxg7 15.exf4 Rxf4 16.g3)* 13...Nc6-+ 14.0-0 Nd4 Strongly threatening ...Ng4. 15.Nc3? -3.51/16 *(15.h3* -1.99/17 *Nc2 16.a3)* 15...Bg4 and White was crushed in Medvegy,Z (2550)-Sedlak, N (2547) Mali Losinj 2017 0-1 (33)]

7...b6 8.Nd3 -0.63/19 The first new move. Two earlier games saw:

[8.Qa4+ trying to interfere with Black's development. Now:

A) 8...Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 was played in Markovitz,N (1976)-Kuzubov,Y (2646) Benasque 2017 0-1 (21), and now 10.Na3 -0.40/18 *(10.h4?!* -1.10/17 10.f4 -0.13 was played in the game*; 10.f4=* -0.09/19 *)* 10...a5 0.10/18 *(10...e4∓* -0.40/18 *11.Nf4 c5)* 11.f4!= is Demuth's suggestion. I think the position is rather unclear after exf4!? 12.0-0-0 Bb7 ...axb4 is the strong threat. 13.b5 Nd7 when anything could happen. Against c5;

B) 8...c6 9.Nb3 -0.60/19 *(9.Nd3! Ne7 10.e3 0-0 11.exd4 exd4 12.Na3* is preferable for White according to Demuth*; 9.Nd3=* -0.25/20 *)* 9...Ne7 0.18/17 *(9...a5!∓* -0.60/19 *)* 10.e3 -0.82/21 *(10.g3!=* 0.18/17 *)* 10...0-0∓ 11.c5 b5 12.Qa5 Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2653) -Sulskis,S (2544) Tromsoe 2014 1/2-1/2 (53), and now Qd5! would really emphasize the difference in centralization between the two queens! *(12...Qe8 13.Na3 Nd5 14.Nc2 Be6 15.exd4 e4 16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.Qa3 N7b6 18.Na5 Na4 19.Ba1 Nf4 20.Qg3 Nh5 21.Qd6 Rc8 22.d5 Bxd5 23.Bxb5 cxb5 24.Qxd5+ Rf7 25.Bxg7 Nf4 26.Qb3 Nd3+ 27.Kb1* Krabbe,W (2653)-Wiech,G (2544) Deutschland 155/93 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721] ½-½ (53) *)*]

[8.Qa4+= -0.28/19 Kf7 9.Nb3]

8...Bb7N 0.20/19 The bishop finds a nice diagonal, but now White can at least stabilize the pawn structure. Another idea is:

[8...Ne7 when 9.e3 0-0 -0.46/21 *(9...c5∓ -0.81/22)* 10.exd4 *(10.c5 Ng6 11.h4 Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.a3 Qh4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Re1 Bf7 20.g3 Qg5 21.b5 Na5 22.a4 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 f4 24.Na3 Re8* Reinderman,D (2575)-Schoppen,C (2395) Dieren 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (46)*)* 10...e4! 11.Nf4! Nbc6 Black regains one of the pawns and has dynamic chances due to White's lag in development.]

[Better is 8...Ne7∓ -0.63/19]

9.e3 Qh4 Inhibits Qh5+. **10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+** 0.17/19

[12.Qb3± 0.49/20 feels stronger.]

12...Nd7!= 13.0-0-0 Bc6 0.84/21

[13...a5= 0.06/20]

14.Qc2 0.25/21 The position is objectively quite good for White, but over the next few moves he goes into a defensive shell which gives Black real compensation for the pawn. Here, for example, White had the opportunity to play:

[14.Nb5 which forces the unfortunate Kd8 Now. aiming for ...a6. 15.Qb3 a6 16.Na3 is an improvement over the game for White, since Black hasn't connected his rooks.]

[14.Nb5± 0.84/21 Kd8 15.Qb3]

14...a6 0.87/20

[14...0-0-0!= 0.25/21]

15.f3 0.42/20

[15.Qb3± 0.87/20]

15...0-0± 16.Kb1 -0.28/19 If White could unravel his kingside he would be better, but in the game he doesn't manage. Here he could try:

[16.Re1 and if Rf7 then 17.g3 Qh6 18.Bg2 and White is getting his pieces out.]

[16.Re1± 0.36/19]

16...f4 0.63/22

[16...Bb7!= -0.28/19]

17.Nc1?! -0.01/20 Another passive move. Here:

[17.Qb3 a5 0.76/20 *(17...Kh8± 0.45/20)* 18.b5 0.21/20 *(18.Nb5± 0.76/20)* 18...Bb7= 19.Nc2 -0.48/21 *(19.Be2=* 0.27/19 *)* 19...a4 0.15/20 *(19...c5∓* -0.48/21 *)* 20.Qa3!= c5! White must now prevent ...Nf5. 21.bxc6! Nxc6 22.Ndb4 is not fully clear, but White has freed his pieces.]

[17.Be2± 0.63/22]

17...Bb7 0.34/19

[17...Rad8= -0.01/20]

18.Qa4 -0.76/20

[18.c5!± 0.34/19 keeps the upper hand.]

18...Rfd8∓ 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3?! -1.64/20 Allowing the queenside to be sealed, leaving many of White pieces without squares.

[20.Bd3∓ -1.03/16 was worth a try.]

20...a5! 21.b5 Or:

[21.bxa5? -3.88/16 21.b5 -1.53 Bc6 22.Qb3 bxa5 is hopeless for White due to the open b-file]

[21.bxc5?? Nxc5 traps the queen]

21...Ne5 22.Nd3!? -1.56/21

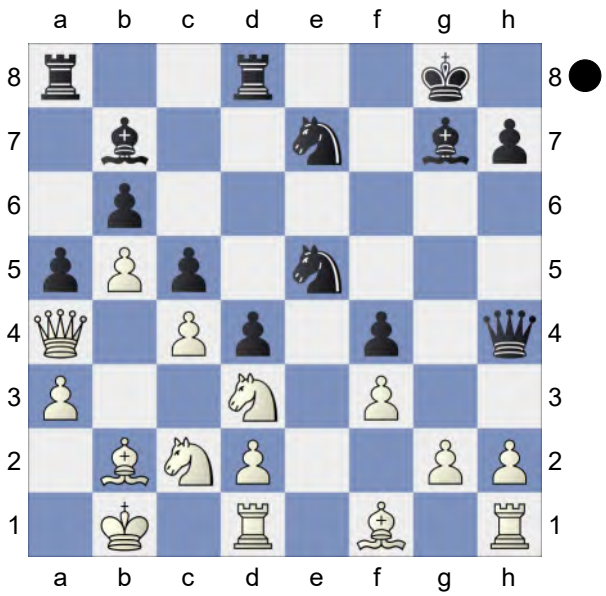
[White should play 22.Ne1 -1.18/20]

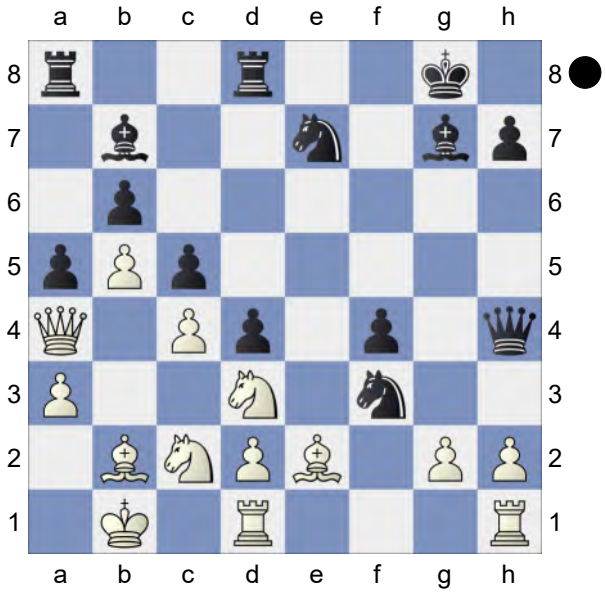
(Diagram)

White offers a pawn to try and develop his pieces **22...Nxf3! 23.Be2**

[23.gxf3? -2.91/17 23.Be2 -1.20 Bxf3 forks the rooks]

[23.gxf3? Bxf3 24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Bxh1-+]

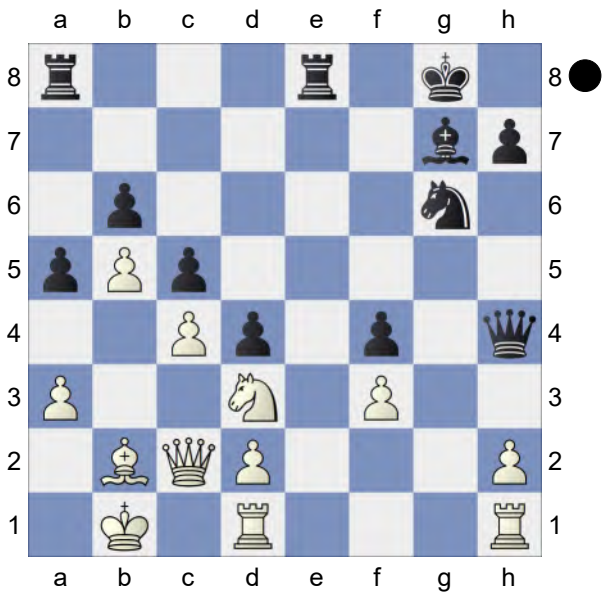




Of course the knight is taboo: **23...Ng5↑** Black has strong initiative.
[Inferior is 23...Nxh2 24.Nce1∓]
24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2 -1.80/18
[28.Rdg1 was more tenacious]
[28.Rdf1∓ -1.24/22]

(Diagram)

28...Qh3!-+ 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6
[And not 30...Rxh2 31.Rxh2 Qxh2



32.Qe4∓]
31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6
[Stronger than 32...Rxh2 33.Rxh2 Qxh2 34.Qe4∓]
33.Nd3 Rae8 Material is level, but Black is in full control. **34.Qb3** -2.48/20
[⌓34.Nc1 -1.89/20]
34...Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 -1.25/19 More accurate was:
[35...Qg2! and if 36.Rhg1 a4! wins, for example 37.Qd3 Qxh2
A) 38.Rh1 Qg3 39.Rhg1? -5.36/21 *(39.Nd1 -2.45/19)* 39...Rxf2-+ 40.Rxg3 fxg3 and the g-pawn decides;
B) 38.Rh1 -2.13/20 Qg3 39.Ng4;
C) 38.Ne4? -4.70/17 38...R8xe4-+ 39.fxe4 Rxd2 and White can't defend the b2-bishop]
[35...Qg2-+ -2.55/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 36.Rhg1 Qxh2]
36.Ne4∓ Rxh2? -0.34/22 Letting White off the hook. Instead:
[36...Qh3 keeps the pressure on, with good winnings chances for Black.]
[Black should try 36...Qh3-+ -1.70/19 37.Qd1 Rg2]

37.Qd1∓ Rxh1 0.12/16
[37...Ne5 -0.25/24 is more appropriate.]
38.Rxh1= Qe7 39.Qf1 Qd7 The position is equal. **40.d3** Black's extra pawn doesn't count for anything as he can't effectively mobilize it, while White's e4-knight is fantastically placed. **40...Re5 41.Bc1 Qf5 42.Qg2 Re7** 0.43/21 And White is the lucky defender.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
[42...h5? only makes things worse, since 43.Rg1 Re6 44.Qh1 Threatens to win with Rg5. Ne5 0.97/24 *(44...Re5!= 0.18/22* remains equal.*)* 45.Rg5 only gives White chances, so Black agreed to a draw]
[42...Re6= 0.07/20 should be considered.]
½-½

A09
□ **Ortiz Suarez,I** **2533**
■ **Ganguly,S** **2609**
55th Capablanca Mem Elite (7.4) 26.4.22
[Kitty Kat]

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5.e3 e5! 6.h3 c5 7.bxc5 Ne7 8.Be2 Na6 9.exd4 exd4 10.Bb2 Bg7 1.59/24
[10...Nxc5= 0.16/25 11.Qb5+ Nc6 12.Bxd4 *(12.Nxd4? Kf7∓)* 12...a6!]
11.Nxd4 0-0 12.0-0 1.02/21
[⌓12.Nb5 1.53/22]
12...Nxc5 1.95/22
[12...f5± 1.02/21]
13.Qa3!+- Ne4 14.d3 Nd6 15.Nc3 f5 16.Ncb5 Nf7 17.Nb3 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Ng6 19.Rfe1 1.27/19
[19.Qd4+- 1.70/21]
19...g4± 20.hxg4 fxg4 21.Bf1 &Bianco is more active. **21...Nh4** 1.92/20
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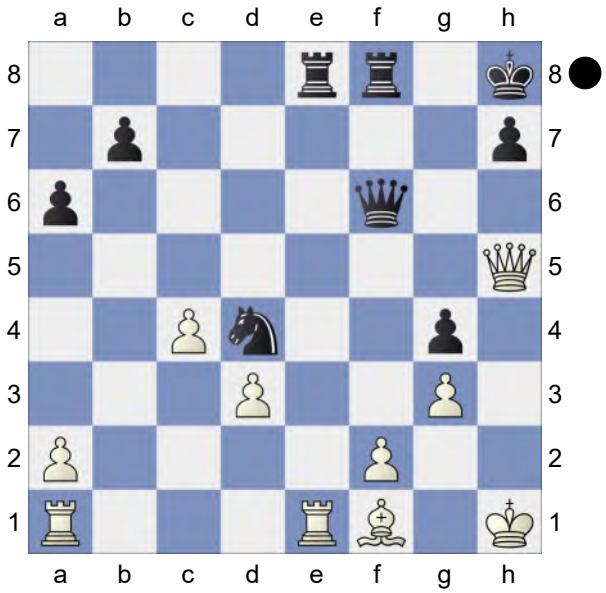
23.Nc3 1.14/22
[23.Nd4+- 2.22/25]
23...Qd4 1.97/21
[23...g3± 1.14/22 24.Nce4 *(24.fxg3 Qd4+ 25.Kh1 Nf5±)* 24...gxf2+ 25.Kxf2 *(25.Nxf2 a5±)* 25...Ne5+ 26.Kg1 Nc6]
24.Nd1 Qf4 25.Ne4 1.54/22
[25.Re7 Qg5 26.Re1 Qf4]
[25.Re3+- 1.95/23 aiming for g3. Ng5

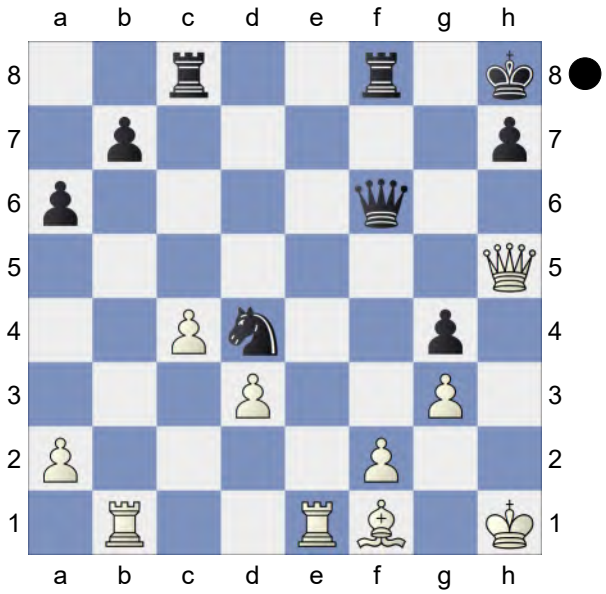
26.Qe5 *(26.Re7 Nf5±)*]
25...Ng5 26.Nxg5 The board is on fire. **26...Qxg5 27.Qe5 Bf5 28.Ne3 Rae8 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Nxf5**
[But not 30.Qxb7?! Nf3+ 31.gxf3 gxf3+ 32.Ng2 fxg2 33.Qb2+ *(33.Qxg2 Qf6∓)* 33...Kg8 34.Bxg2 Bxd3±]
30...Nxf5 31.g3? 0.00/31
[Stronger than 31.Qxb7 g3 32.Qb2+ Kg8 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.fxg3 Nxg3=]
[31.Rab1!+- 1.63/21]
31...Qf6= Threatens to win with ...Nd4. **32.Kh1 Qh6+ 33.Kg1 Qf6 34.Kh1 Qh6+ 35.Kg2** Black must now prevent Rxe8. **35...Qf6**
[35...Rxe1? 36.Rxe1 Qf6 37.Qe5+-]
36.Kh1 Nd4 Hoping for ...Nf3. **37.Qh5** -1.01/26
[37.Rxe8= 0.00/25 Rxe8 38.Qh5]



37...Rxe1 0.00/35
[37...Rc8!∓ -1.01/26 And now ...Rc5! would win. 38.Rab1

(Diagram)

Rc5!]



38.Rxe1 The position is equal. **38...Qxf2 39.Qe5+ Qf6** ...Qxe5 is the strong threat. **40.Bg2 b6** White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

A09
□ **Cordova,E** **2597**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2672**
Bay Area Int Open 2019 (6.1) 05.01.2019
[Kitty Kat]

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4...h6 5.Bb2 Bg7! 6.e3N
[6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8

Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]
[6.d3 c5 7.bxc5 e5 8.g3 Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne1 h5 13.e3 Ng6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7 16.Nef3 Bf6 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Rbe8 20.Qd2 Qd8 Mirkovic,S (2241)-Rajkovic,M (2275) Srbija 130/5 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan] 1-0 (37)]

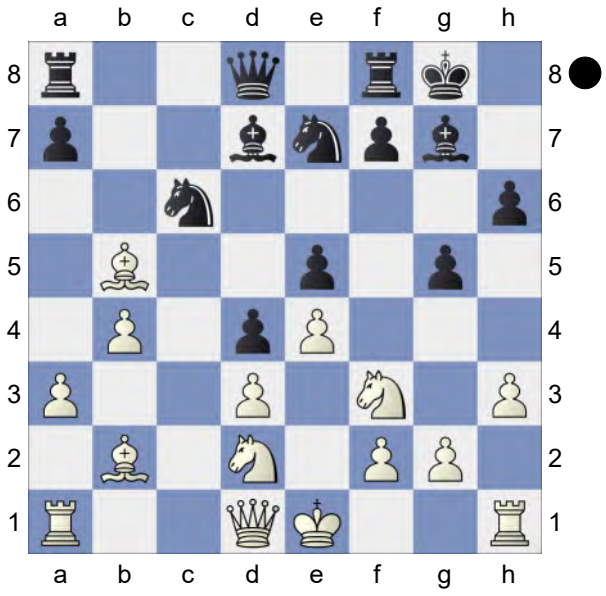
6...e5 7.c5 -0.76/19
[7.exd4 exd4 8.Na3 Ne7=]
[7.Qa4+∓ -0.37/21 is superior. Bd7 8.Qb3 *(8.b5 Bf5=)*]

7...Ne7!∓ 8.Bc4 Black is slightly better.

8...0-0 9.e4 Nbc6 10.a3 b6
[10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d3=]

11.cxb6 cxb6 12.d3 Bd7 13.Nbd2 b5 -0.19/23
[13...a6∓ -0.61/19]

14.Bxb5=



Nxb4! 15.Bc4 Nbc6 16.h4 -0.74/26
[16.a4= -0.13/22 keeps the balance.]

16...g4∓ 17.Nh2 Rb8 18.Bc1 h5 19.f3 Ng6 -0.06/19
[19...Nc8∓ -0.53/25 20.g3 Nd6]

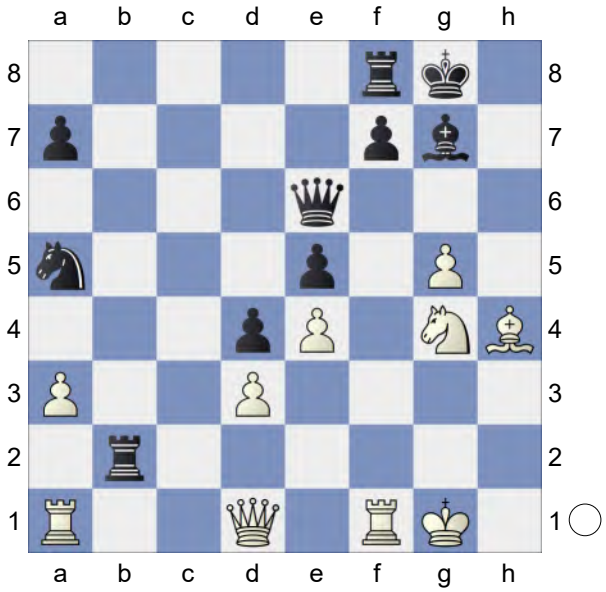
20.g3= Nxh4 21.0-0 Against Ng2

21...Ng6⇄ Black puts up resistance

22.fxg4 h4 23.gxh4 Qxh4 24.Ndf3 Qe7 25.Bg5 Qd6 26.Nh4 Nxh4 27.Bxh4 Na5 Threatens to win with ... Qh6. **28.Bd5 Bc6 29.Bxc6 Qxc6** 2.42/20
[Black should try 29...Nxc6± 0.48/21 30.g5 Qe6]

30.g5+- Strongly threatening Ng4.

30...Rb2 31.Ng4 Qe6



32.Qf3? 0.04/27
[32.Rf5!+- 1.85/24 aiming for Nf6+. Rfb8 33.Nh6+ Bxh6 34.gxh6]

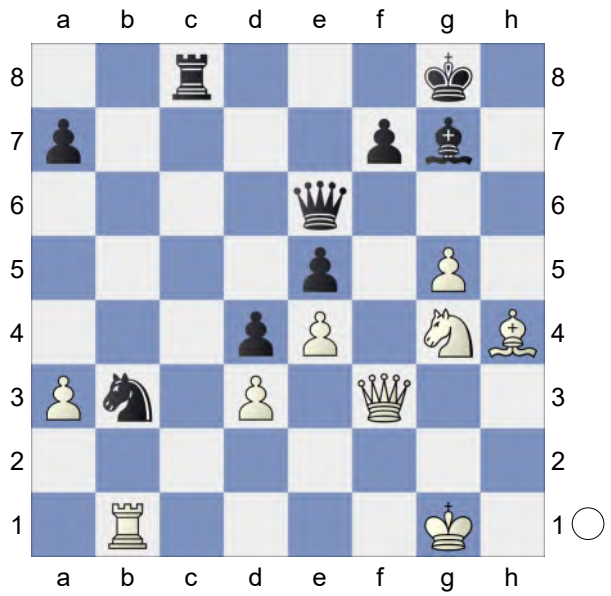
32...Rc8 0.36/21
[32...Nb3= 0.04/27 33.Nf6+ Bxf6 34.gxf6 Rc8]

33.Rab1± Really sharp! **33...Rxb1 34.Rxb1 Nb3** 0.72/25
[34...Nc6± 0.31/25 is more appropriate.]

(Diagram)

35.Nf6+ -0.03/31
[White should play 35.Rb2!± 0.72/25]

35...Bxf6= 36.gxf6 Black must now prevent Be1. **36...Kf8** White should



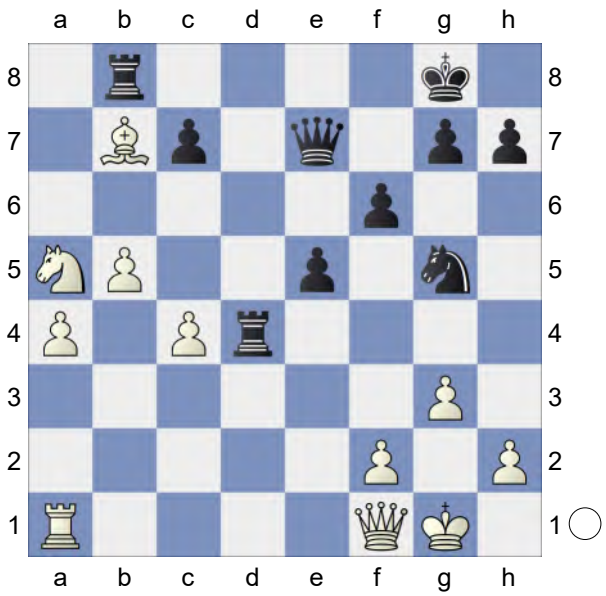
prevent ...Ke8. **37.Qd1** -0.67/27
[37.Qh5= -0.08/25 Ke8 38.Bg3]
37...Qh3? 4.61/21 **38.Qh5+-** White is clearly winning. **38...Ke8** ...Nd2 is the strong threat. **39.Qxe5+**
[39.Rxb3 Rc1+]
39...Kd7 40.Qd5+
[40.Rxb3 Rc1+]
40...Ke8 41.Qe5+
[Stronger than 41.Qxb3 Qg4+ 42.Kf1 Qh3+ 43.Kg1 Qg4+ 44.Kf1 Qh3+ 45.Kg1=]
[41.Rxb3? gets mated. Rc1+ 42.Kf2 Rc2+ 43.Kg1 Qg2#]
41...Kf8 42.Qg5 And now Qg7+ would win.
[42.Rxb3 is a self mate. Rc1+]
42...Qe6 43.Bg3 Rc3 44.Be1 Rc6 45.Ba5 Intending Qg7+ and mate.
45...Rc3 26.52/22
[⌓45...Qxf6 4.61/19 46.Qxf6 Rxf6]
46.Bb4+ Ke8 47.Bxc3 dxc3 48.Qb5+ Kd8 49.Qb8+ Kd7 50.Rxb3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

A09
□ **Winter** **2766**
■ **Pires,A** **2727**
2002 Australian Email Championship (3)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.Na3 e5 5.Nc2 a5 6.b5 Nh6 7.d3 Nf7 8.g3 White has an edge. **8...Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Nd2N** 0.16/20
[12.e3± 0.64/19 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Ne6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd5 Qc5 16.Nd2 Rd8 17.Ne4 Qf8 18.Qh5 c6 19.Ndxf6+ gxf6 20.Nxf6+ Kg7 21.Nxh7 Qd6 22.Be4 Nc5 23.Ng5 Nh6 24.Ne6+ Bxe6 25.Qg6+ Kf8 26.Qxh6+ Ke8 27.Rfe1 Cornette,M (2548)-Nieto,E (2246) Belgium 2015 CBM 173 [Breutigam,Martin] ½-½ (41)]
12...Ne6= 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.e3 Rd8 15.exd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Rxd4 17.Nb3 Rd8 18.a4! Ng5 0.73/18
[18...Qb4± 0.34/17]
19.d4 Bh3 1.02/20
[19...Qb4± 0.48/18]
20.Bxb7± Bxf1 1.45/20
[Black should try 20...e4 1.03/19]
21.Qxf1 And now h4 would win.
21...Rab8 1.56/19
[⌓21...e4 1.22/21]
22.Nxa5 0.67/19
[22.Bg2± 1.56/19]
22...exd4? 4.50/19 This move loses the game for Black.
[22...Rxd4?

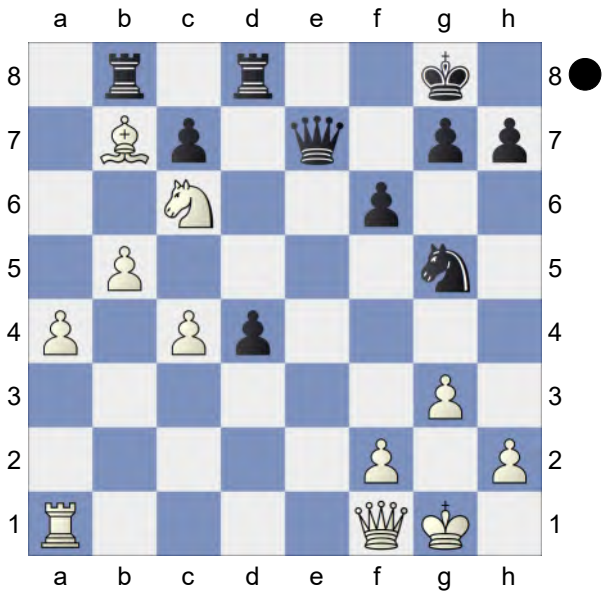
(Diagram)

23.Nc6! Qf8 24.Nxb8 Qxb8 25.Bd5+ Kf8 26.h4+-]



[22...Rxb7!± 0.67/19 23.Nxb7 Rxd4]

23.Nc6+-



Deflection, Double Attack **23...Qe4**

[23...Nf3+? 24.Kh1 Qe4 25.Nxd8 Rxb7 26.Nxb7]

24.Nxd8 Nf3+ 25.Kh1 White is clearly winning. **25...Rxb7 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27.a5 Ne1+ 28.f3! Nxf3 29.a6 Qe4 30.Qg2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.43

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A09

□ **Ding,Liren** **2766**

■ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2727**

China Elite Mind blitz (3) 28.02.2016

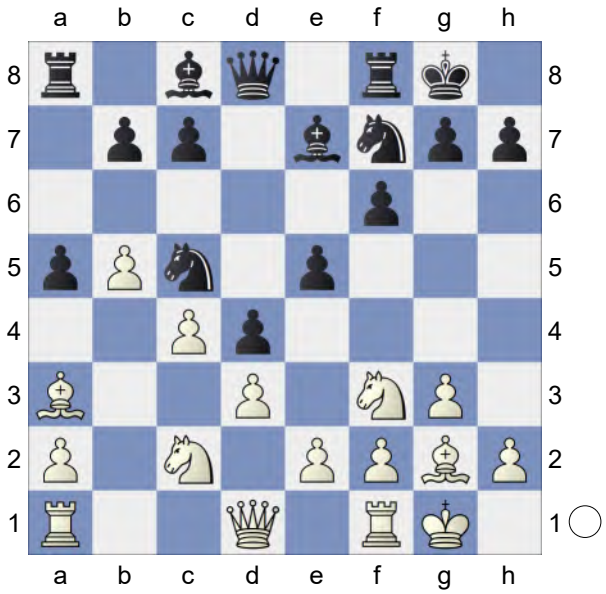
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.Na3 e5 5.Nc2 a5 6.b5 Nh6 0.21/19

[⌓6...Ne7 -0.11/21]

7.d3= Nf7 8.g3 White is slightly better. **8...Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ba3 0-0**



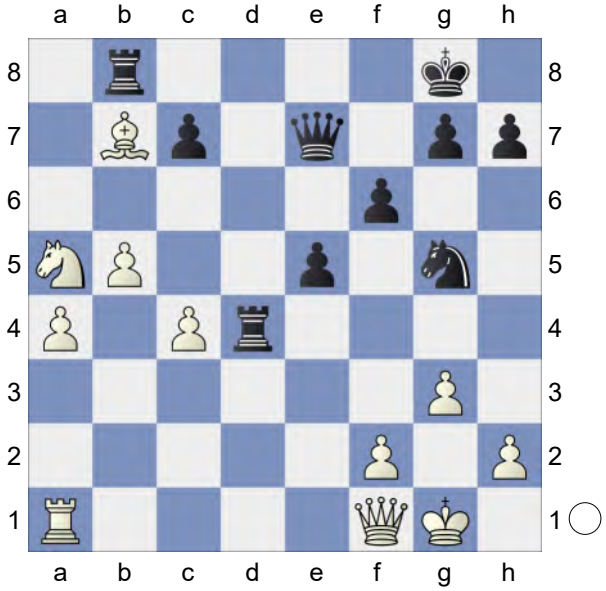
12.Nd2N 0.27/20

[12.e3!± 0.78/20 dxe3 13.Nxe3 Ne6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd5 Qc5 16.Nd2 Rd8 17.Ne4 Qf8 18.Qh5 c6 19.Ndxf6+ gxf6 20.Nxf6+ Kg7 21.Nxh7 Qd6 22.Be4 Nc5 23.Ng5 Nh6 24.Ne6+ Bxe6 25.Qg6+ Kf8 26.Qxh6+ Ke8 27.Rfe1 Cornette,M (2548)-Nieto,E (2246) Belgium 2015 CBM 173 [Breutigam,Martin] ½-½ (41)]

12...Ne6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.e3 Rd8 15.exd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Rxd4 17.Nb3 Rd8 18.a4! Ng5 0.74/20

[18...Qb4= 0.23/17]

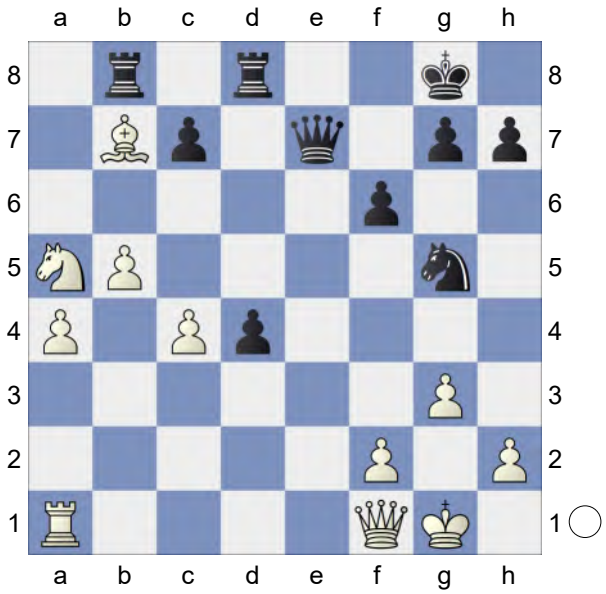
19.d4 0.31/17
[Better is 19.h4± 0.74/20 Nf7 20.Re1]
19...Bh3 1.32/20
[19...Qb4!± 0.31/17]
20.Bxb7± Bxf1 1.44/21
[⌓20...e4 1.02/19]
21.Qxf1 Black must now prevent h4.
21...Rab8 1.66/20
[21...e4± 1.19/21]
22.Nxa5 0.34/17
[22.Bg2+- 1.66/20]
22...exd4? 4.51/19
[22...Rxd4?



23.Nc6! Nf3+ 24.Kg2+-]
[Black should play 22...Rxb7!± 0.34/17 23.Nxb7 Rxd4]

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for Black.
23.Nc6!+- Deflection, Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **23...Qe4**
[23...Nf3+? 24.Kh1 Qe4 25.Nxd8 Rxb7 26.Nxb7]
[23...Qd7 24.Nxd8]
24.Nxd8 Discovered Attack **24...Nf3+**



25.Kh1 Rxb7 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27.a5 Ne1+ 28.f3! Nxf3 29.a6 Qe4 30.Qg2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

A09
□ **Gordievsky,D** **2579**
■ **Swiercz,D** **2651**
ch-Midwest Collegiate (3.1) 05.10.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Bg2N
[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3

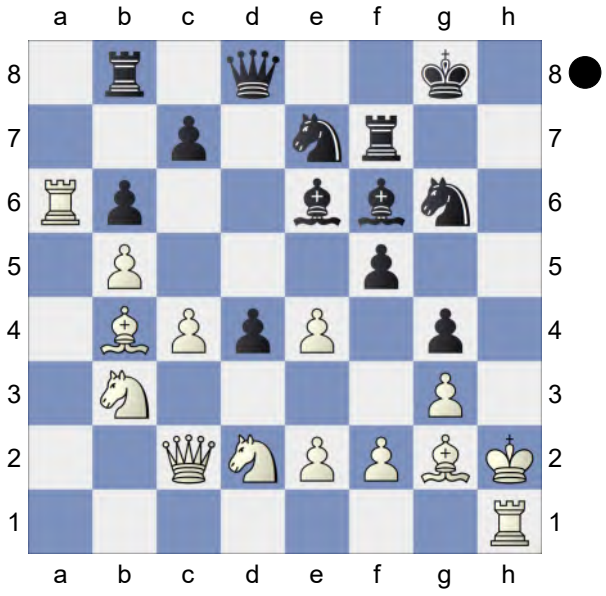
Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic, Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal, F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

7...Ne7 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Nb3 Nc6 11.b5 Nce7 12.a4 Rb8 13.Ba3 b6** Prevents Nc5. **14.a5 Be6! 15.Nfd2 Qd7 16.Kh2 f5 17.Bc6 Qd8 18.Bg2 Qd7 19.Bc6 Qd8 20.Bg2 Rf7 21.Bb4 Bf6 22.axb6 axb6 23.Ra6 h5 24.Qc2** -1.29/21

[Better is 24.Qa1∓ -0.57/20]

24...g4∓ 25.hxg4 hxg4 26.Rh1 e4 Threatens to win with ...e3. **27.dxe4** -1.40/21

[⌓27.Kg1 -0.75/20]

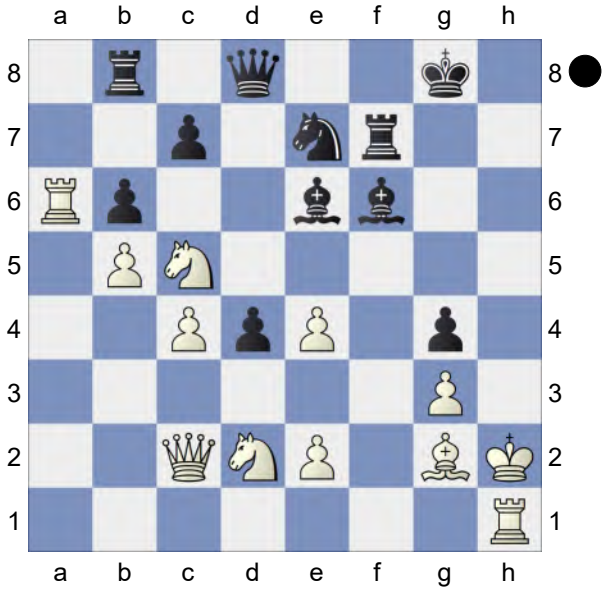


27...f4! aiming for ...Be5. **28.Bxe7** -2.05/21

[28.Kg1∓ -1.46/21 fxg3 29.fxg3]

28...fxg3+-+ 29.fxg3 Nxe7 30.Nc5? -4.51/25

[30.Qd3 -1.79/21 was necessary.]



30...d3! 31.Nxd3

[31.Qxd3 Rh7+]

31...Bd4 Strongly threatening ...Qf8. A strong pair of Bishops. **32.Bf3 Rh7+ 33.Kg2 Rxh1** Dancing on a razor blade.

[Weaker is 33...gxf3+ 34.Nxf3 Rxh1 35.Kxh1∓]

34.Kxh1 Qf8 (-> ...Qh6+)

[And not 34...gxf3 35.Nxf3 Ng6 36.Qc1∓]

35.Kg2 Qh6

[Not 35...gxf3+? 36.Nxf3 Be3 37.Qc3-+]

36.Nf2 Against Qh3+ **36...Qe3** Black mates. **37.Nxg4 Qg1+ 38.Kh3 Kg7**

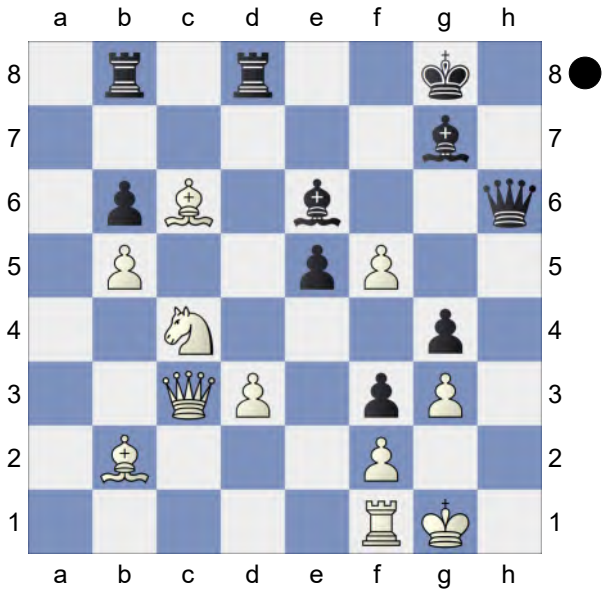
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.02 (flawless)

0-1

A09
□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2522**
■ **Kilic,Eray** **2459**
European Blitz 2024 (13.7) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7 5.d3 h6 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0N**
[9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Bh7 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
9...Ng6 10.a4 Be6 11.b5 Qc8 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Kh2 Nd7 14.Nb3 Rb8 15.Nfd2 b6 16.c5 -0.21/19
[⌓16.e3 0.13/21]
16...Nf6= 17.cxb6 axb6 18.Rc1 Nd5 19.Bb2 -0.78/21 Prevents Nc3.
[19.Qc2∓ -0.40/22]
19...Ra8 20.a5 -0.97/20
[20.Nc4∓ -0.56/20]
20...Qd7!∓ 21.axb6 -1.47/21
[⌓21.Nc4 -1.04/25]
21...cxb6 22.Nc4 Rab8 -0.81/21
[22...Qxb5?! 23.Nd6 Qb4 24.Nxe8 Rxe8 25.Rb1=]
[22...Ra2 23.Ra1 Rxa1 24.Qxa1∓]
[⌓22...Reb8 -1.46/22 23.Rb1 Qxb5]
23.Nbd2 -1.42/21
[White should try 23.Rb1 -0.81/21]
23...f5 -0.18/23
[Black should play 23...Qxb5∓ -1.42/21 ...Qd7 is the strong threat. 24.Nf3 Red8]
24.Qb3 h5 25.Ba3 -0.78/21
[25.Nf3∓ -0.34/23 Bf6 26.Nfd2]
25...Red8 0.21/21
[25...h4!∓ -0.78/21]
26.Qb2 -0.34/23
[26.Nf3= 0.21/21]
26...Nc3 27.Bc6 Qf7 28.Nd6 -0.85/21 Inhibits e4.
[28.Bd6!= -0.19/19 keeps the balance.]
28...Qf6 -0.18/22
[28...Qc7∓ -0.85/21 29.N2c4 Ne7]
29.N2c4 g4 30.hxg4 hxg4
[30...f4!? 31.gxh5 Nh4=]
31.Rxc3 dxc3 32.Qxc3 Qg5 1.08/24
[32...Ne7= -0.20/25]
33.Kg2 0.63/21
[33.Kg1 Qh5∓]
[33.Rh1!± 1.08/24]
33...Ne7 34.Bc1 -0.19/23 0x0.001bcf59d7cedp-1022s more active pieces.
[34.Rh1± 0.74/20]
34...Qf6 35.e4 f4 0.36/18
[35...Nxc6 36.bxc6 b5 37.c7 bxc4 38.dxc4!± *(38.cxb8B fxe4 39.dxc4 Qf3+ 40.Qxf3 exf3+ 41.Kh2 Rxb8∓; 38.cxb8Q Rxb8 39.dxc4 fxe4±;*

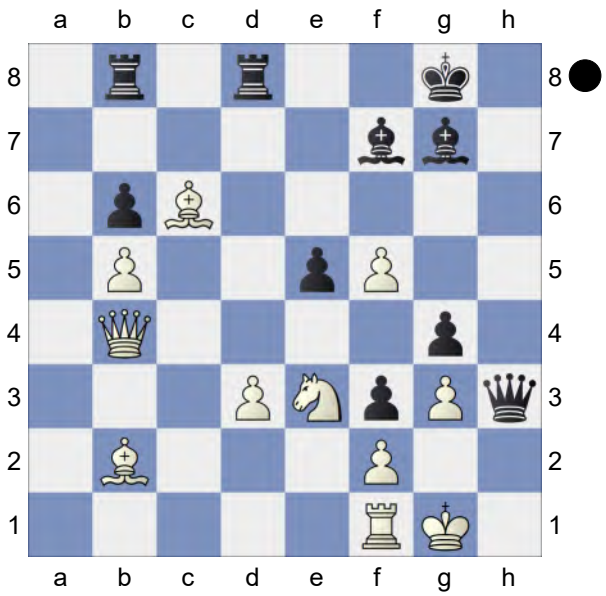
38.cxd8B Qxd8 39.Nxf5 Qxd3=)]
[35...fxe4= -0.03/23 36.Bxe4 Nf5]
36.Bb2? -5.78/20
[36.gxf4!± 0.36/18 is the one way to stay ahead. exf4 37.Qxf6 f3+ 38.Qxf3! gxf3+ 39.Kg3 *(39.Kxf3 Bxc4 40.Nxc4 Nxc6=)*]
36...f3+-+ 37.Kg1 Qh6 Threatens to win with ...Qh3. **38.Nf5 Nxf5 39.exf5**



Qh3! 40.Ne3 Inhibits Qg2+. **40...Bf7** And now ...Rd6 would win.
[Don't blunder 40...Bxf5? 41.Qc4+ Kh8 42.Be4-+]
41.Qb4

(Diagram)

Against Rd6 **41...Bh6??** 3.23/22
[41...Rxd3 42.Qxg4 Qxg4 43.Nxg4=]
[41...Rd4!-+ -2.38/24 42.Qe7 Rxd3]
42.Qxg4++- Qxg4 43.Nxg4 Dancing on a razor blade. **43...Bg7 44.f6 Bf8 45.Nxe5 Be6** 5.67/19
[45...Rbc8 3.83/20 was worth a try. 46.Ra1 *(46.Bxf3 Bd5+-)* 46...Bd6 47.Nxf3 Bb8]
46.d4 White is clearly winning. **46...Bd6**



47.Nxf3 Rf8 48.Ng5 Inhibits Bh3. **48...Bc4 49.Rc1 Bb3 50.d5 Bc5 51.f7+ Rxf7 52.Nxf7 Kxf7 53.Rc3 Bd1 54.Rd3 Be2 55.Rd2 Bg4 56.d6 Rd8 57.d7 Kg6 58.Kg2 Be6 59.f4 Bb4 60.Rd1 Bg4 61.Bf3 Bxd7 62.Be5 Bc5 63.Rd5 Be7 64.Bc7** Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.48
1-0

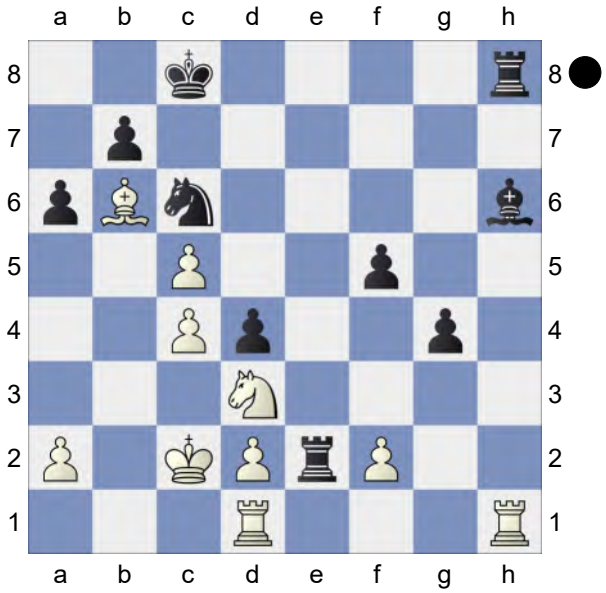
A09
□ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2720**
■ **Edouard,Romain** **2607**
EU-chT (Men) 21st (6.1) 03.11.2017
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
Grandelius,Nils: 'Preparing for the first games in Tata Steel Masters was of course pretty weird. Duda had played in Norway Chess 3 months earlier, whereas I had only played a few games in the Spanish League even longer before. This meant that it was very difficult to predict how the opening

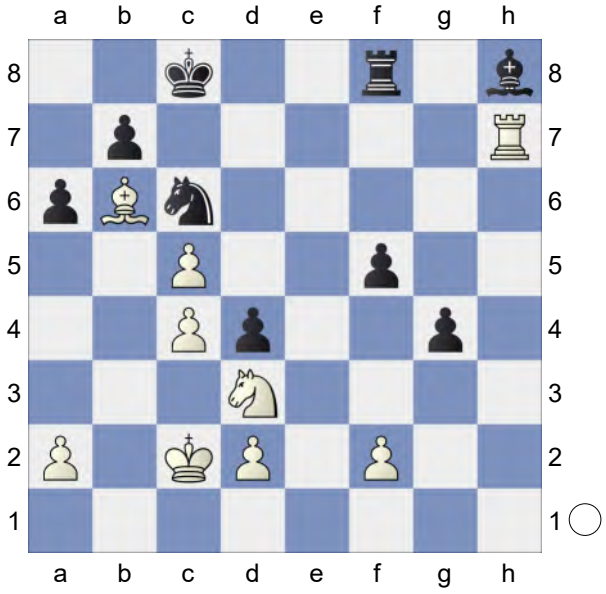
phase would turn out. I had a feeling Duda wanted to get out of theory as soon as possible, and therefore his first move didn't really surprise despite being a rare first move for him.

' **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.Qb3 c6**
[4...Nf6 5.g3 a5 6.b5 a4 7.Qd3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 c6 9.Bg2 e5 10.0-0 Be7 11.d3 0-0 12.Nd2 h5 13.h3 g6 14.Rb1 Nh7 15.e3 Re8 16.exd4 exd4 17.Re1 h4 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rb7 Wohl,R (2745)-Preuss,S (2746) Sarajevo 2016 Inf 69 [Womanhood xvi p.310] 1-0 (42)]
[4...Bxf3 5.Qxf3 c6 6.g3 e5 7.b5 Nf6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.bxc6 Nxc6 13.h4 Rab8 14.Rb1 Nd8 15.Ne4 Nd7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bd2 f5 18.Ng5 Kh8 19.g4 Duda,J (2743)-Grandelius,N (2663) Wijk aan Zee 2021 CBM 200 [Grandelius,Nils] 0-1 (41)]
5.Ne5N
[5.Bb2 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e5 7.c5 a5 8.a3 Nf6 9.e3 axb4 10.axb4 Rxa1 11.Bxa1 Qd5 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.exd4 Nxb4 14.Kd1 exd4 15.Bxd4 Nd7 16.Bc4 f6 17.Re1+ Kd8 18.Be3 Bxc5 19.d4 Bd6 Iglesias,Y (2276)-Delorme,A (2489) Brest 2019 CBM 190 Extra [ChessBase II] 0-1 (31)]
5...Bf5 6.Bb2 f6 7.Nf3 e5 8.e3 White has an edge. **8...c5 9.bxc5 Nc6 10.exd4** -0.40/18
[10.Qxb7? Nge7 11.Qa6 *(11.exd4? Rb8-+)* 11...Rb8-+]
[10.Be2!= 0.27/21]
10...exd4∓ 11.Bd3
[11.Qxb7 Nge7 12.Qa6 *(12.Nxd4? Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Rb8-+)* 12...Rb8∓]
11...Qe7+ 0.24/20
[11...Bxd3∓ -0.45/23 12.Qxd3 Bxc5]
12.Kd1!= Bxd3 13.Qxd3 -0.46/20
[13.Re1!± 0.39/23 Be4 14.d3]
13...0-0-0!∓ 14.Na3
[14.Nxd4? Qd7 15.Qf5 *(15.Qe4? Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qxd4-+)* 15...Nxd4 16.Qxd7+ Rxd7-+]
14...Qd7 Black has compensation.
15.Nc2 Nh6 -0.27/23
[15...Bxc5∓ -0.62/21 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Qxa3 Nge7]
16.h3=
[16.Bxd4? Bxc5! 17.Re1 Nf5-+]
16...Nf7 17.Ba3 -0.63/23
[17.Ncxd4? Bxc5 18.Qf5 Bxd4 19.Qxd7+ Rxd7-+]
[17.Rb1= -0.27/23 should be considered.]
17...g5 0.01/18
[17...Nfe5∓ -0.63/23 18.Nxe5 Nxe5]
18.Rb1 h5 19.Qb3 -0.26/20
[19.Nb4 0.07/20 feels stronger.]
19...Bh6 20.Nb4 g4! Hoping for ... Nxb4. **21.Ne1** -0.59/18
[21.Nh4!= 0.00/20]
21...Nxb4 -0.03/21
[21...Nfe5∓ -0.59/18]
22.Bxb4 Ne5 23.Nd3 Qc6 0.04/22
[Black should try 23...Nc6!∓ -0.55/22]
24.Kc2 Qxg2 25.hxg4 hxg4
[25...Nxd3 26.Qxd3 Qxg4 27.Rbg1±]
26.Ba5 Really sharp! **26...Rde8 27.Rhg1** -0.97/21
[27.Rbe1= 0.05/19]
27...Qc6 -0.29/17
[27...Qe4∓ -0.97/21]
28.Qb5 -1.06/21
[28.Nxe5= -0.29/17 Rxe5 29.Qb5 *(29.Rxg4 Rxc5 30.Bb4 Rxc4+ 31.Kb2 b5∓)*]
28...a6 -0.53/22
[Better is 28...Qe4∓ -1.06/21 29.Qb3 Re7]

29.Qxc6+∓ Nxc6 30.Bb6 Re2 31.Rbd1 f5 White must now prevent ... Bg5. **32.Rh1**



Bg7 0.18/23
[Black should play 32...f4!∓ -0.78/25]
33.Rxh8+= Bxh8 34.Rh1! Re8 0.62/24
[34...Bf6= 0.24/23 deserves consideration.]
35.Rh7!± Rf8 2.10/20
[35...Be5± 0.64/24]



36.Nf4? 0.28/19
[36.Bc7!+- 2.10/20]
36...Be5= 37.Ng6 Rg8 38.Nxe5 Nxe5± Endgame KRB-KRN **39.Bc7 Nd7** 2.82/21
[But not 39...Nxc4 40.Bg3± *(40.Kd3 Nb2+ 41.Kxd4 Re8±)*]
[39...Re8= 0.00/19]
40.Bd6+- Kd8 41.Rh5 Nf8 42.Rxf5 Ne6 43.Rf7 Rg7? 6.30/24
[43...Rg5 3.52/18 44.Rxb7 Nxc5]
44.Rxg7 White is clearly winning.
44...Nxg7 KB-KN **45.Kd3 Ne6 46.Ke4**
[Less strong is 46.Be5 Nxc5+ 47.Kxd4 Na4+-]
46...Kd7 47.d3 Kc6 48.Kf5 Prevents Ng5. **48...Kd7 49.Kxg4 b6 50.Kf5 Nd8 51.Ke4 Kc6 52.Be7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

A09
□ **Ornolfsson,Magnus P** **2720**
■ **Campos,Jose Felix** **2607**
Myslowice 40/258 (6.1) 03.11.2017
[Michalczak]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.Qb3 c6 5.Ne5
[5.e3 Bxf3 6.gxf3 g6 *(6...e5 7.Bb2 a5)* 7.Bb2 Bg7 8.Na3 *(8.h4 h5)* 8...Nh6 9.Nc2 e5 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxd4 *(11.Nxd4 0-0 12.h4)* 11...Bxd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.Qc3 Qf6]
[5.g3 Bxf3 6.exf3 a5 7.bxa5 Qc7 8.f4 Nd7 9.Ba3 e5 10.Bxf8 Nxf8]
[5.d3 Bxf3 6.exf3 a5 7.b5 Nd7 8.bxc6 bxc6 9.g3 e5 10.Bg2 Bb4+ 11.Nd2 Ne7]
[5.Bb2 Bxf3 6.exf3 *(6.Qxf3 e5 7.a3 a5 8.e3 Nf6 9.c5 Be7 10.Qg3 Qd5 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qh6 Qb3)* 6...g6

(6...e5 7.c5 a5 8.Bc4 Nh6) 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Nc2 Nh6 9.h4 a5 10.a3 axb4 11.axb4 Rxa1+ 12.Bxa1 0-0]

5...Bf5 6.Bb2

[6.e3

A) 6...f6 7.Bd3 *(7.Nf3 e5 8.c5)* 7...Nh6 8.Bxf5 Nxf5 9.Nf3 e5 10.0-0;

B) 6...e6 7.Bb2 dxe3 8.dxe3

B1) 8...a5 9.a3 axb4 *(9...Nd7 10.Nd2; 9...Nf6 10.Nd2)* 10.Bd3;

B2) 8...Nf6 9.Bd3;

C) 6...dxe3 7.dxe3 a5 *(7...Nf6 8.Bb2)* 8.a3 *(8.Bb2 axb4 9.Qxb4 Qc7)* 8...axb4 9.Bb2 f6 *(9...bxa3 10.c5 Nh6 11.Bc4 e6 12.Qxb7)* 10.Bd3

C1) 10...Bc8 11.Qc2 *(11.Qd1 fxe5 12.Qh5+ Kd7 13.0-0 Qe8 14.Qxe5 Kd8)* 11...fxe5 12.Bg6+ hxg6 13.Qxg6+ Kd7 14.0-0;

C2) 10...Nh6 11.Bxf5 Nxf5 12.Nd3 bxa3 13.Bxa3 e5 14.Be7]

6...f6 7.Nf3 e5 8.e3 c5 9.bxc5 Nc6 10.exd4

[10.Qxb7 Nge7]

[10.Be2 Bxc5 11.exd4 exd4 12.Qb5 Qb6 13.Ba3]

10...exd4 11.Bd3

[11.Be2 d3 12.Bd1 Bxc5 13.0-0 Nge7]

11...Qe7+ 12.Kd1 Bxd3 13.Qxd3

[13.Re1 Be4 14.d3 Bxf3+ 15.gxf3 Ne5 16.f4 0-0-0 17.fxe5]

13...0-0-0 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Nc2 Nh6

[15...Bxc5]

16.h3 Nf7 17.Ba3 g5

[17...Nfe5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Qc6]

18.Rb1 h5 19.Qb3 Bh6 20.Nb4

[20.Nfxd4 Nfe5]

20...g4 21.Ne1 Nxb4 22.Bxb4 Ne5 23.Nd3 Qc6 24.Kc2 Qxg2 25.hxg4 hxg4 26.Ba5 Rde8 27.Rhg1 Qc6 28.Qb5

[28.Nxe5 Rxe5 29.Qb5 d3+ 30.Kc3]

28...a6

[28...Qe4 29.Rb3 Nxd3 30.Rxd3 Re5]

29.Qxc6+ Nxc6 30.Bb6 Re2

[30...f5]

31.Rbd1 f5 32.Rh1 Bg7 33.Rxh8+ Bxh8 34.Rh1 Re8 35.Rh7 Rf8 36.Nf4

[36.Bc7]

36...Be5 37.Ng6 Rg8

[37...Re8 38.Rf7 Re6]

38.Nxe5 Nxe5 39.Bc7

[39.Rc7+ Kb8 40.Re7 Nxc4 41.Bc7+]

39...Nd7

[39...Re8]

40.Bd6 Kd8 41.Rh5 Nf8 42.Rxf5 Ne6 43.Rf7 Rg7 44.Rxg7 Nxg7 45.Kd3 Ne6 46.Ke4 Kd7 47.d3 Kc6

[47...b6 48.Kd5]

48.Kf5 Kd7 49.Kxg4 b6 50.Kf5 Nd8 51.Ke4 Kc6 52.Be7

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A09

□ **Arabidze,Meri** **2457**

■ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2603**

Titled Tuesday intern op 21st May Late b..

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3

16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...e5N

[4...h6 5.d3 *(5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8* Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic, Slobodan] *)* 5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari, A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81)]

5.Nxe5 Bg7 6.Nd3 -0.34/22

[6.Qa4+± 0.57/25 Nd7 7.Nf3]

6...Bf5∓ 7.Qb3 -0.69/22

[White should try 7.Bb2= -0.18/21]

7...a5 8.bxa5 Black is slightly better.

8...Nd7 Against Nc5. Active counter play!

9.Ba3 -1.66/24

[9.Qxb7?! Ne7=]

[9.Nb4∓ -0.80/22]

9...Ne7-+ Black has strong compensation. **10.g3**

[10.Qxb7?! Rb8 11.Qf3 c5=]

10...Be4 Against Bg2 **11.f3** -1.99/20

[11.Rg1∓ -1.51/23 might work better.]

11...Bc6 -1.04/23

[11...Bxd3-+ -1.99/20 12.Qxd3 *(12.exd3 0-0∓)* 12...c5]

12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.Nb4 -2.43/22

[14.Bxe7∓ -1.14/21 only move. Qxe7 15.Na3]

14...d3

[14...Rxa5 15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Qxb7]

15.Nc3

[15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Qxd3 Bxa1-+]

15...dxe2 16.Nxe2 Nf5? -0.11/25

[16...Rxa5 17.Rab1∓]

[16...Bxa1-+ -1.96/23 17.Rxa1 Nc5]

17.Nxc6 -0.63/21

[White should play 17.Rae1!= -0.11/25]

17...bxc6∓ 18.Rae1 Rxe2 -0.02/21

19.Rxe2= Rfe1 is the strong threat.

19...Nxg3 20.Rfe1 -0.72/24

[20.Re3!= 0.00/23 Nxf1 21.Kxf1]

20...Nxe2+∓ 21.Rxe2 Bd4+ -0.08/22

[21...Rxa5 22.Be7 Qa8 23.Qd3=]

[Better is 21...Ne5!∓ -0.71/20 22.Bb4 Ng6]

22.Kh1!= Black must now prevent Be7.

22...c5 23.f4! Rxa5 24.Bb2 -0.90/26

[24.fxg5!= 0.00/21 Ne5 25.Bb2 Bxb2 26.Qxb2 Nxc4 27.Qf6 Qxf6 28.gxf6]

24...gxf4∓ 25.Bd5

(Diagram)

Nf6 -0.26/23

[25...Nf8!∓ -1.02/21]

26.Rg2+ Kh8 0.00/25

[26...Kf8!∓ -0.48/29 feels stronger.]

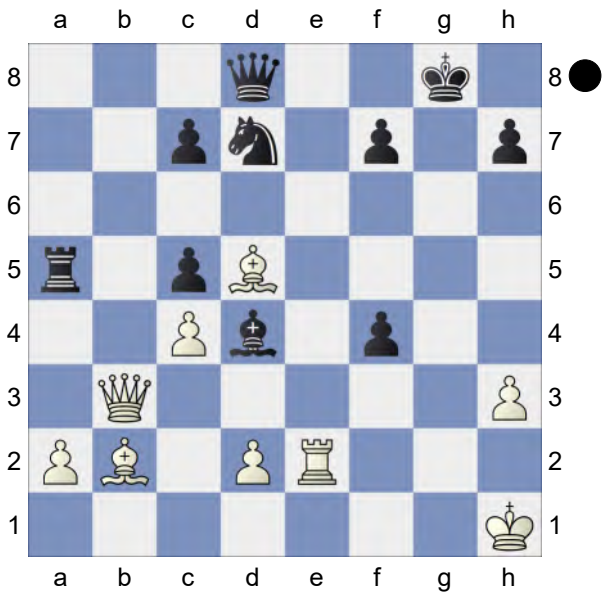
27.Bxf7 -1.26/26

[27.Bxd4= 0.00/25 remains equal. cxd4 28.Qf3]

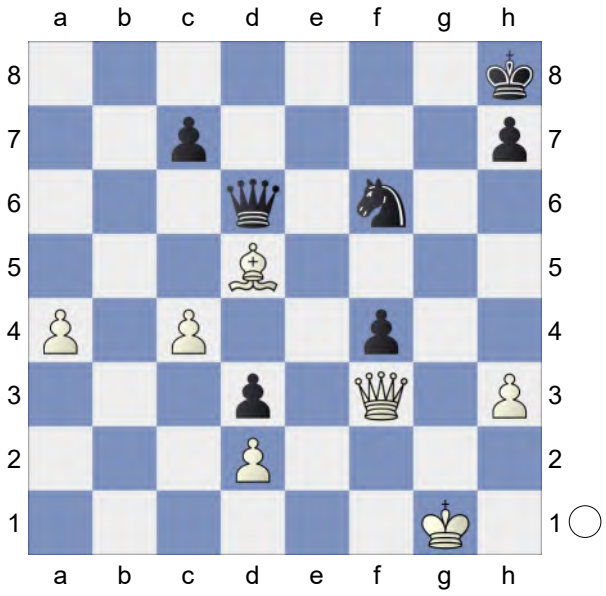
27...Ra8 0.04/28

[27...f3!∓ -1.26/26 28.Rg1 f2 29.Bxd4 cxd4]

28.Bd5= A strong pair of Bishops.



28...Rb8 29.Bxd4 cxd4 30.Qf3→ White is up to no good. **30...Qd6**
[30...Nxd5 31.cxd5 Qf6 32.a4±]
31.a4 And now Bb7 would win.
31...Rb1+ 1.60/22
[31...Qe5± 0.48/21]
32.Rg1± Rxg1+ 1.64/20
[32...Rb8± 1.20/23]
33.Kxg1+- d3 2.33/22
[33...Kg7± 1.50/20 34.Kf2 d3]



34.Kg2 1.05/21
[34.Qxd3 c6±]
[34.Kf1!+- 2.33/22]
34...Nd7? 4.28/21
[34...Kg7± 1.05/21 is tougher. 35.h4 *(35.Qxd3 c6±)* 35...h6]
35.Qxd3 Ne5 36.Qf5 Ng6 7.27/22
[⌓36...f3+ 4.90/21 37.Kf1 Kg7]
37.Kf1 3.41/22
[⌓37.Qf7 7.27/22 Qd8 38.a5]
37...Kg7 38.a5? 0.79/28
[38.Qc2+- 3.50/26 and White stays clearly on top.]
38...Qb4± 39.a6 0.08/22
[39.Ke2± 0.94/24 Qxa5 40.h4]
39...Qxd2= 40.a7? -2.56/28
[40.Qb1= 0.17/21 and White has nothing to worry. Qd4 41.Qa2 *(41.Qb8 Qa1+ 42.Kg2 Qxa6=)*]
40...Qd1+-+ 41.Kf2 Strongly threatening Qe4. **41...Qd2+ 42.Kf1 Qc1+ 43.Kg2?** -#9/16
[43.Ke2-+ -1.74/21 Qb2+ 44.Kd1 Qa1+ 45.Kc2 Qa2+ 46.Kc3 Qxa7 47.Kb3]
43...Nh4+ 44.Kf2 Qe3+ -14.04/5
[⌓44...Qd2+ -#8/24 45.Kf1 Nxf5 46.a8Q Ne3+ 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qg3+ 49.Kh1 Qxh3+ 50.Kg1 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 Ng4#]
45.Kf1 Nxf5 46.a8Q Qd3+ -5.16/23
[⌓46...Ng3+ -10.57/24 47.Kg2 Qe2+ 48.Kg1 Qf1+ 49.Kh2 Qf2+ 50.Bg2 Ne2 51.Qa1+ Nd4]
47.Kf2 Qd2+ 48.Kf3 Qe3+ 49.Kg4 Nh6+ Black mates. **50.Kh5 Qxh3+ 51.Kg5 Qg4#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/ Black=0.61
0-1

A09
□ **Arabidze,M** **2458**
■ **Kazakouski,Valery** **2603**
Titled Tue 7th May Late blitz (5) 07.05.24

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.b5 f6 5.g3 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Bd6 9.a4 a5 10.Ra2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 g5 13.Nf3 Nd7 14.e4 Ng6 15.Rh1 Qe7 16.h4 g4 17.Nh2 h5 18.f3 gxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Qg7 20.Kf1 0-0-0 21.Rf2 Rdg8 22.Ke2 Kc7 23.Nd2 Bf8 24.Kd1 Qe7 25.Kc2 Bh6 26.Rhf1 Be3 27.Re2 Qe6 28.Nb3 Bxc1 29.Nxc1 Ne7 30.Ref2 Rg6 31.Ne2 Rgh6 32.Qh1 Rf8 33.Qg2 Rh7 34.g4 hxg4 35.Qxg4 Kd6 36.h5 Rg8 37.Qh4 Rg5 38.Rxf6 Nxf6 39.Qxg5 Nxh5 40.Ng4 Rg7 41.Qxh5 Rxg4 42.Qh8 Rg8 43.Qh4 Rg2 44.Rf6 Rxe2+ 45.Kd1 Re3 46.Rxe6+ Kxe6 47.Qh6+ Kf7 48.Kd2 Ng6 49.Qh7+ Kf6 50.Qb7 Nf4 51.Qxb6+ Kg5 52.Qd8+ Kg4 53.Qxa5 Rxd3+ 54.Kc2 Re3 55.Qd8 d3+ 56.Kc3 Kf3 57.b6 Ke2 58.b7 d2+ 59.Kc2 Rd3 60.Qxd3+ Nxd3 61.b8Q d1Q+ 62.Kc3 Qc1+ 63.Kb3 Qb2#
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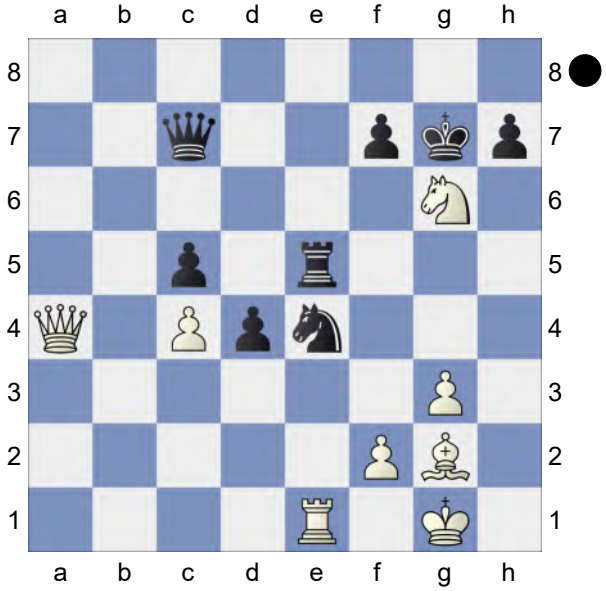
A09
□ **Venkatesh,Marani Rajendran** **2428**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2712**
Qatar Masters op (1) 11.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 g4N
[4...h6 5.Bb2 *(5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8* Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) *)* 5...Bg7 6.e4 *(6.d3 c5 7.bxc5 e5 8.g3 Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ne1 h5 13.e3 Ng6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7 16.Nef3 Bf6 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Nb3 Rbe8 20.Qd2 Qd8* Chapter A00-Games Game 5 (37)*)* 6...e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 5.♘g5 e6 6.♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2649)-IG1 (2551) ICCF corr 2016 Telechess CBM 89 [Loktiev,I]]
5.hxg4 Bxg4 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.Bb2 0.13/20
[7.d3± 0.91/19]
7...e5= 8.d3 The position is equal.
8...Nd7 9.Nbd2 a5 10.a3 Ngf6 11.g3 axb4 12.axb4
[12.Bg2 with more complications. Nc5 13.Qc2 bxa3 14.Bxa3 Nfd7 15.Nh2]
12...Rxa1+ 13.Bxa1 c5 14.Bg2 b6 0.50/21
[14...Qc7= 0.15/20]
15.0-0 0-0 16.Bb2 Bh6 17.Bc1 -0.12/20
[17.Re1!± 0.35/19 is more appropriate.]
17...Ne8 0.67/19
[17...Bxd2= -0.12/20 18.Nxd2 *(18.Bxd2 e4∓)* 18...Bxe2]
18.bxc5±
[18.Ne4?! Bxc1 19.Rxc1 f5=]
18...bxc5 19.Qb7
[19.Ne4 Bxc1 20.Rxc1 f5=]
19...Qc7 20.Qa6 Kg7 21.Ne4 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 Rb1 is the strong threat.
22...Ndf6 23.Rb1 0.01/22
[23.Ned2± 0.88/22]
23...Nxe4= 24.dxe4 Nd6 Inhibits Rb7.

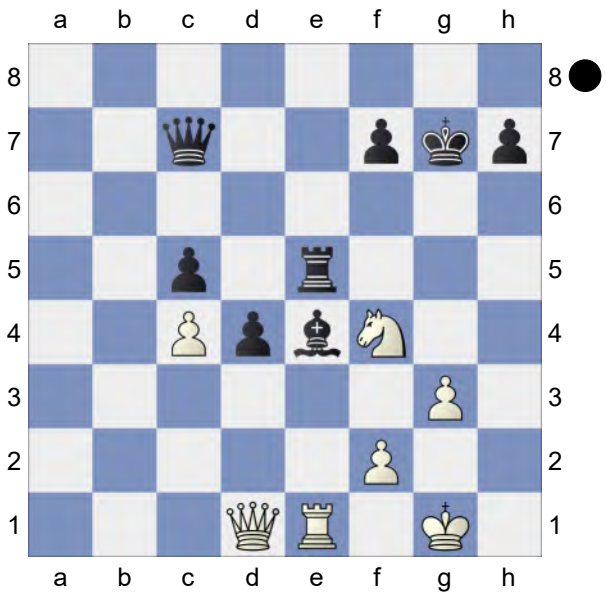
25.Nxe5 Bxe2 26.Qa2 Bh5 27.Nd3 And now e5 would win. **27...Bg6 28.Re1 Re8 29.Nf4** -1.20/23
[29.f3= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
29...Nxe4∓
[Much worse is 29...Bxe4?! 30.Nh5+ Kg6 31.Nf4+ Kg7 32.Nh5+ Kg6 33.Nf4+ Kh6 34.Qd2=]
30.Qa4
[30.Nxg6? Nc3! 31.Qd2 Rxe1+ 32.Qxe1 hxg6∓]
30...Re5 31.Bxe4 -2.46/21 This costs White the game.
[But not 31.Nxg6



Nc3! 32.Qa1 hxg6-+]
[31.Qd1∓ -1.11/20]
31...Bxe4-+
[Weaker is 31...Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Bxe4 33.Qd1∓]
32.Qd1 -3.78/19
[32.Qa3 -2.44/21 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)

32...Bf3! 33.Qd2
[33.Qxf3 Rxe1+]
33...Qe7 34.Rxe5 Qxe5 35.Nd3?

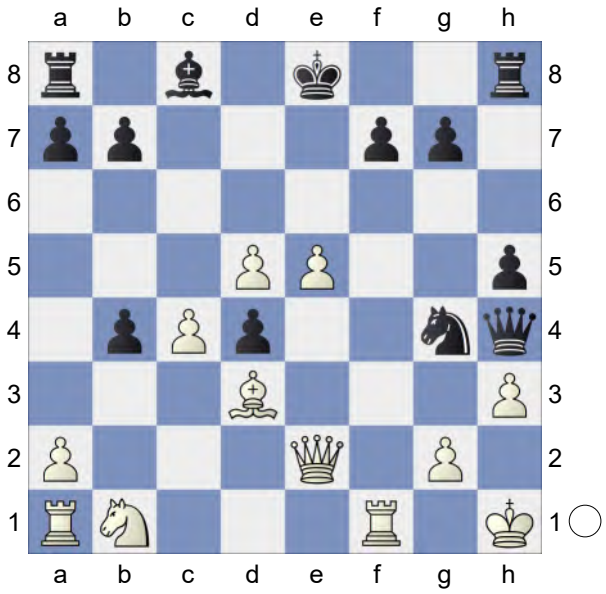


-#7/19
[35.Kf1-+ -3.51/26 Qe4 36.Qe1]
35...Qh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

A09
□ **Gupta,Ab** **2605**
■ **Srihari,L R** **2469**
1st Bangalore Int Open (9.2) 25.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.e3 dxe3 5.fxe3 cxb4 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bd3 e6 0.26/22
[⌓7...g6 -0.16/19]
8.0-0= White has compensation. **8...Nc6** The position is equal. **9.Bb2 Be7 10.e4 Ng4N** ...Ne3 is the strong threat. **11.Qe2** Against Ne3 **11...e5 12.h3** Threatens to win with d5. **12...h5** 1.34/18 **13.d5!±**
[13.hxg4? hxg4 14.Ne1 *(14.Nxe5? Nxe5 15.Nd2 Qd6-+)* 14...Qd6-+]
13...Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Nd4 2.02/18
[14...Ne7± 1.25/21]

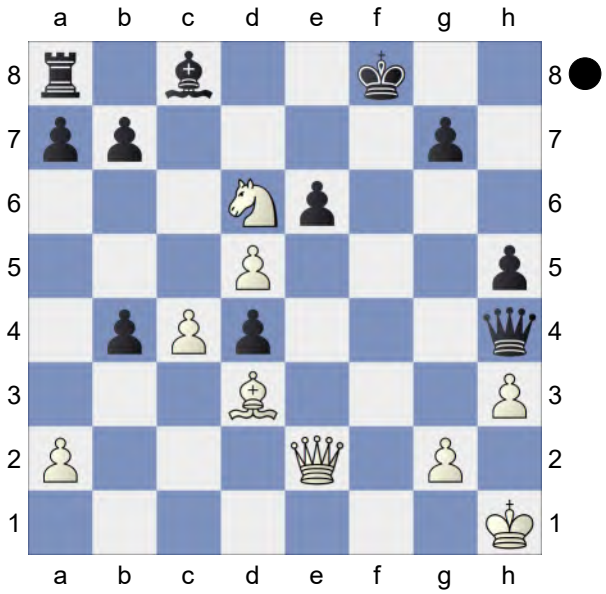
15.Bxd4+- Remove Defender
[Much less strong is 15.Nxd4?! Bxd4 16.Bxd4 exd4±]
15...Bxd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.e5 Against Qd6 **17...Qh4** 2.04/20
[Weaker is 17...Ne3 18.Nd2±]
[17...Qg5 1.64/20 keeps fighting.]



18.Nd2! Black must now prevent Qf3.
18...Ne3 19.Ne4? 0.27/16
[White should try 19.Nf3+- 1.98/20 Qf4 20.Qd2]
19...0-0= 20.e6 0.00/18
[20.Nd6!± 0.31/22 feels stronger.]
20...Nxf1 21.Rxf1 fxe6 22.Rxf8+ Kxf8 23.Nd6? -1.60/18
[23.Qf3+!= 0.00/18 Kg8 24.Nd6]

(Diagram)

23...Bd7!∓ Strongly threatening ...exd5.
24.dxe6 -2.79/21
[24.Qf3+∓ -1.08/18 Qf6 25.Qxh5]
24...Bc6-+ 25.Kg1 -3.82/21
[25.Nf5 -2.41/17 might work better. Qxh3+ 26.Kg1]
25...Qg5 26.Nf5 Inhibits Qe3+. **26...Re8**



Hoping for ...Rxe6!
[Worse is 26...Qc1+ 27.Kh2 Qg5 28.e7+ Kg8 29.c5∓]
27.h4 Qc1+ Black is clearly winning.
28.Kh2 Qf4+ 29.Kg1 g6 30.Nd6 Qxd6 Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Shimanov,Aleksandr** **2578**
■ **Makhnev,Denis** **2486**
Wch Rapid Samarkand (13) 28.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nbd2N
[6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0

9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

6...e5 7.g4 f6 0.42/24

[7...Ne7= 0.01/19 feels stronger.]

8.Bg2± White is slightly better. **8...h5** 0.82/19

[8...Ne7± 0.34/21]

9.gxh5± Nc6 10.b5 Nce7 11.Ne4 Nf5 12.Ng3 &Bianco is more active. **12...Nge7 13.Nd2** -0.56/19

[White should play 13.Qb3± 0.88/20]

13...Nh4!∓ Black has compensation. **14.Bf1** -0.97/22

[14.Be4∓ -0.54/20 is superior.]

14...b6 -0.18/21

[14...a6∓ -0.97/22]

15.Rg1 -0.99/20

[15.Nf3!= -0.18/21 keeps the balance.]

15...Bb7 -0.55/19

[15...a6∓ -0.99/20]

16.Nde4 Qd7 17.a4 a5 18.Ba3 -0.90/20

[18.c5∓ -0.48/20 was preferrable. Bd5 19.Ba3]

18...Qe6!∓ 19.c5 Rd8 -0.77/22

[⌓19...f5! -1.16/23 20.Nxg5 Qf6]

20.Rc1 Nd5 21.Qb3 Bf8 -0.46/20

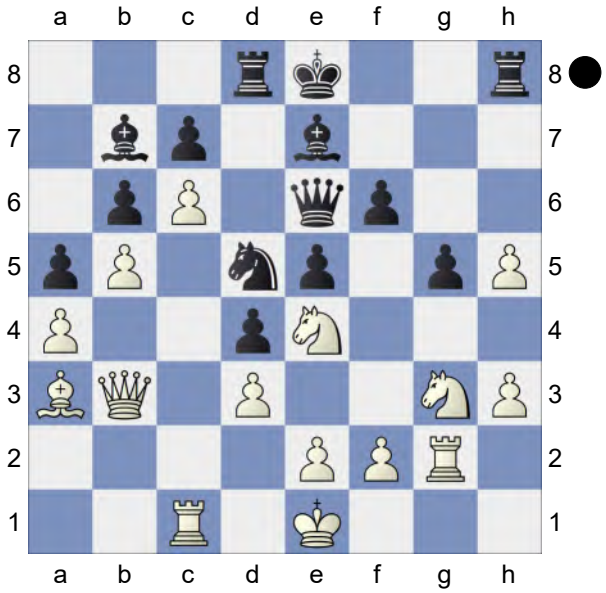
[Better is 21...Kf7∓ -0.78/24]

22.Bg2∓ Nxg2+ 23.Rxg2 Be7

[23...Qxh3? 24.cxb6 Rh7 25.bxc7!+-]

24.c6? -1.95/23

[24.f3= -0.19/23 and White has nothing to worry.]



Now White is beyond hope. **24...Bc8!-+** **25.Bxe7** -2.50/20

[⌓25.Rh2 -1.72/18]

25...Qxe7 26.Rh2 Be6 27.Qb2 Nf4 28.Nd2

[28.h4? gxh4 29.Nf1 Bg4-+]

28...Kf7

[And not 28...Nxh5 29.h4 Nxg3 30.fxg3-+]

[Worse is 28...Bxh3 29.Nc4∓]

[Not 28...Nxh3 29.Nc4∓]

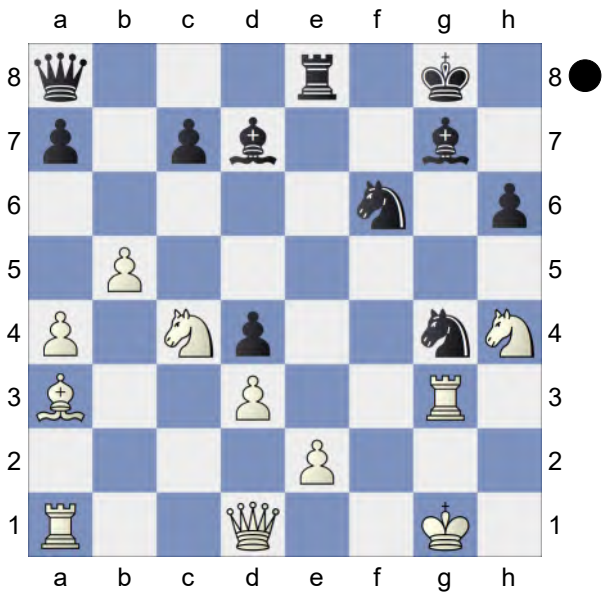
29.Nf3 Nxh5 30.h4 g4 31.Nd2 f5

32.Nc4 Bxc4 33.Rxc4 Qe6 34.Rc1 Nf6 35.Rh1 Rh7 Black is clearly winning. **36.Qd2 f4 37.Ne4 Nxe4 38.dxe4 Qb3** Inhibits e3. **39.Qd3** -8.90/20
[⌓39.Qd1 -4.67/20 Qe6 40.Rb1]
39...Qxd3 40.exd3 Endgame KRR-KRR **40...Rdh8 41.Ke2 f3+ 42.Kd2 Rxh4 43.Rhg1 Kf6 44.Kc2 Kg5** ...Rh2 is the strong threat. **45.Kb3 Rh2 46.Rcf1 Rg2 47.Kc4 Rhh2** aiming for ...Rxg1. **48.Kd5 Rxg1 49.Rxg1 Rxf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.11 (very precise) . An unexpected result.
½-½

A09
□ **Arabidze,M** **2458**
■ **Kuzubov,Y** **2605**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Late blitz (5) 26.3.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7 5.d3 h6! 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2N
[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic, Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal, F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
7...Nd7 8.a4 The position is equal. **8...f5 9.0-0 Ngf6** 0.45/20
[9...Ne7= 0.14/20]
10.b5 0.09/20
[10.a5± 0.45/20]
10...0-0= 11.Ba3 Re8 12.c5 -0.39/23
[12.Nbd2= 0.01/23]
12...g4 0.00/24
[12...Nf8!∓ -0.39/23]
13.hxg4 Nxg4 14.c6 -0.69/26
[14.Qb3+!= -0.18/24 Kh7 15.c6 *(15.Qf7 Ndf6∓)*]
14...bxc6 -0.09/19
[14...Ndf6!∓ -0.69/26]
15.Nh4
[Much worse is 15.bxc6 Ndf6 16.Bc5 Nd5∓]
15...Ndf6 And now ...e4 would win. **16.Bxc6 Bd7 17.Bxa8 Qxa8 18.Nd2! e4** 0.52/20
[18...Nd5= 0.09/21 deserves consideration.]
19.Nc4 -0.96/19
[19.dxe4± 0.52/20 keeps the upper hand. fxe4 20.Nb3]
19...f4!∓ 20.f3
[20.gxf4 Qd5 21.f3 Qh5! 22.fxg4 *(22.Qe1? exd3 23.Qg3 dxe2-+)* 22...Qxh4∓]
20...exf3 21.Rxf3 fxg3 22.Rxg3

(Diagram)

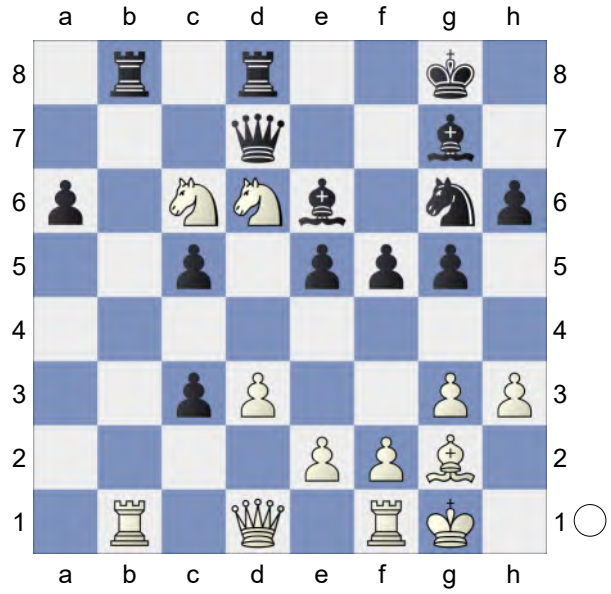


Qd5 -0.32/20 &Nero is more active.
[22...Nh5!∓ -1.19/23 23.Rf3 Qd5]
23.Qf1∓ Nh5 Black has compensation. Dancing on a razor blade. **24.Qg2 Qg5** -0.14/20
[24...Qe6!∓ -0.48/23 feels stronger. 25.Rf3 Qxe2]
25.Nf3= Qf4 26.Rh3 -1.78/25
[26.Rxg4!= -0.29/27 and White has nothing to worry. Bxg4 27.Rf1]
26...Ne3 27.Qh2 -4.79/21 Now White is beyond hope.
[27.Qg6∓ -1.43/21 nothing else works. Bxh3 28.Qxe8+ Kh7 29.Qe4+ *(29.Nxe3? dxe3 30.Qe4+ Qxe4-+)* 29...Qxe4 30.dxe4 Nxc4 31.Bc5]
27...Qg4+-+ Black is clearly winning.
28.Kf2 Qxh3 29.Qxh3 Bxh3 30.Rh1 Ng4+ 31.Ke1 Nf4 32.Kd1 Bg2 33.Rh4 h5 34.Ne1 Bd5 35.Bc1 Bf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2554**
■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2598**
Titled Tuesday 19th Jan blitz (7) 19.1.21
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Bg2N
[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic, Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal, F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
7...Ne7 8.0-0 The position is equal.
8...0-0 9.a4 Ng6 10.Nbd2 f5 11.a5 a6 12.b5 Nd7 13.Nb3 Nf6 14.b6 -0.71/20
[14.Nc5= 0.27/20]
14...cxb6∓ 15.axb6 Qxb6 16.Ba3 Re8 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Nfd2 Rb8 19.c5 Be6 20.Bb4 Nd5 21.Ba5 Qd7 22.Nc4 Nc3 -0.03/16

[Black should play 22...Nge7∓ -0.97/20]
23.Bxc3= dxc3 24.Nd6 -0.61/19
[24.Nba5!= -0.02/20]
24...Red8 0.37/22
[24...Rf8!∓ -0.61/19 25.Qc2 b6]
25.Na5 -0.27/18
[25.d4!± 0.37/22]
25...b6 1.20/23
[25...b5= -0.27/18 26.Nc6 Ne7 27.Nxd8 *(27.Nxb8 Rxb8 28.e3 b4=)* 27...Qxd8]
26.Nc6± Pair of Knights! **26...bxc5** 1.50/20
[⌓26...b5 1.01/22]



27.Nxd8 0.14/23 &Bianco is more active.
[Only move: 27.Nb7!± 1.50/20 Rxb7 28.Rxb7 Qxb7 29.Nxd8]
27...Rxd8 1.42/21
[27...Qxd8= 0.14/23 28.Nb7 Qc7]
28.Nb7 Rc8 29.Qc2 0.46/21
[White should try 29.Rb6± 1.21/22]
29...c4 1.02/25
[29...e4!± 0.46/21]
30.Qxc3 e4 31.Qa5 exd3 1.43/23
[31...cxd3± 0.67/20 32.exd3 Bd4]
32.exd3 And now Nc5 would win.
[Of course not 32.Nc5?! Rxc5 33.Qxc5 d2±]
32...c3? 3.53/20 This costs Black the game.
[32...cxd3? 33.Nc5 Rxc5 34.Qxc5+-]
[32...Qxd3? 33.Rfd1 Qe2 34.Qxa6+-]
[32...Bd4± 1.29/17 might work better.]
33.Nc5+- Rxc5 34.Qxc5 Strongly threatening Rb8+. **34...Kh7?** 6.10/22
[34...Nf8 3.33/19 35.Rfe1 Qxd3]
35.Rb7 Qxd3 36.Qc7 6.53/20 Against Bd7
[⌓36.Qa7 #18/22 Nf8 37.Rxg7+ Kh8 38.Qe7 Qd6 39.Qxd6 Kxg7 40.Re1 c2 41.Bd5]
36...Qd4 37.Re1 Against Qe5 **37...Bg8 38.Qd7 Qxd7 39.Rxd7 h5 40.Bd5 Bxd5 41.Rxd5 f4 42.Rxg5 Kh6 43.Rc5 fxg3 44.Rc6 gxf2+ 45.Kxf2** aiming for Ree6. **45...Kh7 46.Rc1 Nf4** White must now prevent ...Nd3+. **47.Kf3 Nd3 48.R1xc3 Bxc3 49.Rxc3 Ne5+ 50.Kf4 Nf7 51.Kf5** Rc7 would kill now. **51...Kg7 52.Rc7** Intending Ke6 and mate. **52...a5 53.Ke6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.81
1-0

A09
□ **Granda Zuniga,Julio E** **2686**
■ **Edouard,Romain** **2641**
Llucmajor op 5th (7) 13.05.2016
[Edouard,Romain]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 f6 4.Na3
An interesting idea, wanting to put the white knight on c2 and benefit from the

b4-move, that Benko players dream to be able to play. However, it is of course not such a big deal with the white pieces.

4...e5 5.Nc2 a5

[5...Na6!? with the idea ...c5 as Topalov played in 2016 in Paris is a smart answer.]

[I had fun playing 5...g5!? 0.28/19 5...c5 -0.33against Etienne Bacrot almost a year before. The game ended up in my opponent's favour but it was quite unclear! 6.h3 Bg7 7.d3 Ne7 8.g3 h6 9.a4 f5 10.Ba3 0-0 11.b5 Be6 12.Bg2 Nd7 13.0-0 Rf7 14.Rb1 Ng6 15.Nd2 Rb8 16.a5 Bf8 17.Qc1 f4 18.a6 bxa6 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Nb4 axb5 Bacrot,E (2694)-Edouard,R (2634) Saint-Quentin 2015 CBM 173 [Breutigam,Martin] 1-0 (53)]

6.b5 Nd7N

[6...Nh6 7.d3 Nf7 8.g3 Nd7 9.Bg2 Nc5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Nd2 Ne6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.e3 Rd8 15.exd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Rxd4 17.Nb3 Rd8 18.a4 Ng5 19.d4 Bh3 20.Bxb7 Bxf1 21.Qxf1 Winter (2766)-Pires,A (2727) CCLA Email 2016 EXTs [Liubomirov] 1-0 Rab8 22.Nxa5 exd4 23.Nc6 Qe4 24.Nxd8 Nf3+ 25.Kh1 Rxb7 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27.a5 Ne1+ 28.f3 Nxf3 29.a6 Qe4 30.Qg2 0-1 (30) Ding,L (2791)-Carlsen,M (2863) chess24.com INT 2020 CBM 198 [Edouard,Romain]]

7.d3 Nc5 0.45/18

[7...Bd6 0.17/21 7...Ne7 -0.20 with the idea to delay ...♘c5 and answer 8.e3 dxe3 9.Bxe3 with Ne7 was probably smarter. Black is definitely fine.]

[Better is 7...Ne7= -0.13/21]

8.e3!± White is slightly better. 8...dxe3 9.Bxe3 Bd6 10.Nd2 -0.34/20

[10.d4 was critical, but after exd4 11.Nfxd4 Ne7 Black is fine: *(11...Qe7!?)* 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qh6 -0.40/18 *(13.Qf3=* 0.09/22 is more appropriate.*)* 13...Nf5 14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.0-0-0 -0.79/22 *(15.Qg7!∓* -0.34/21 *Rf8 16.0-0-0)* 15...Qe7∓ 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.Bd3 0-0-0!∓]

[10.g3± 0.47/21]

10...Ne7? 0.26/22 The only way to justify White's last move!

[After 10...f5 White would be in trouble and have to play 11.Bxc5 Bxc5 12.Qe2 Qe7! 13.g3 Nf6 14.Bg2 0-0 15.0-0! in order not to be clearly worse.]

[10...f5!∓ -0.34/20]

11.Ne4= b6

[11...Nxe4 12.dxe4 b6 Prevents c5. 13.c5 0.04/19 *(13.Qh5+±* 0.36/20 *Ng6 14.c5 bxc5 15.Bc4)* 13...Bxc5= 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.0-0-0+ Bd7! 17.Bc4 Black must now prevent Be6. Nc8!⇄]

12.Qh5+ Kf8

[I considered 12...Ng6 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.Nxc5 bxc5 15.Qf3! Inhibits Bb7. to be bad for me but after Rb8 16.Qc6+! Kf7 17.Qxc5 Strongly threatening d4. Nf4! with the idea 18.0-0-0! aiming for Qe3. Ne6 the engine claims Black has enough compensation for being the pawn down!]

13.Be2

[13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Hoping for Rd1. Ne6⇄]

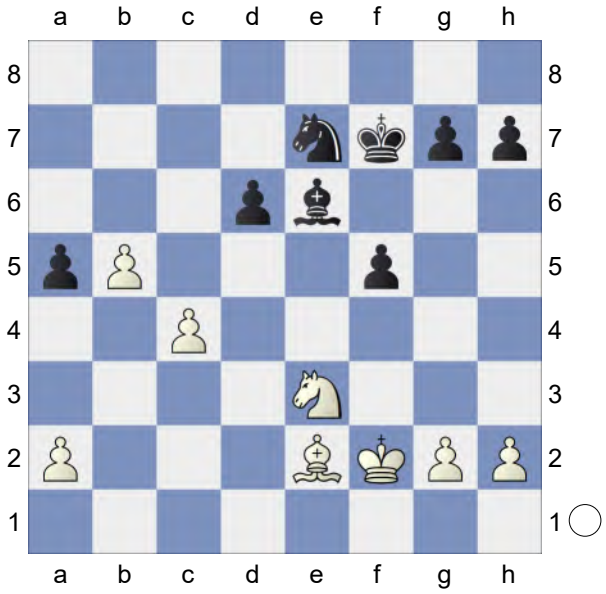
13...Bf5?! 0.55/24

[13...Nf5 0.57/18 13...Nxe4 0.22 was natural and fine for Black.]

[13...Nxe4= 0.18/20 was preferrable. 14.dxe4 Qe8]

14.Bxc5± Bxc5 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.0-0

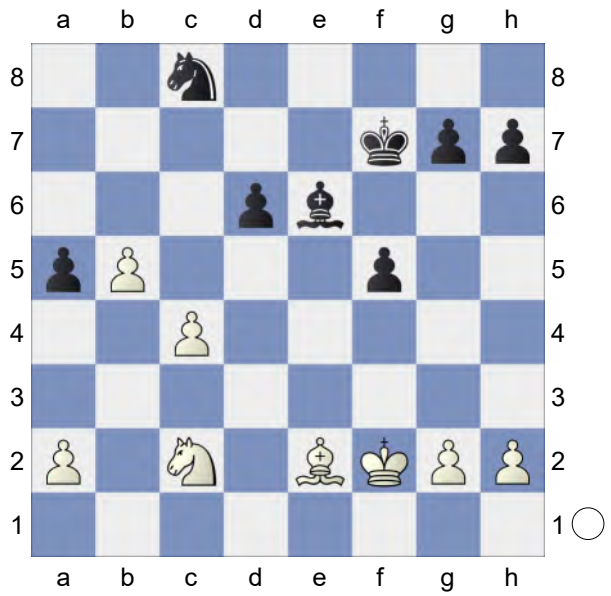
Qd6 17.f4 0.00/26 A very interesting try. From here on my opponent played a wonderful game!
[17.Ne3 Bg6 18.Qf3 Rd8⇄]
[17.a4± 0.46/20 is superior.]
17...exf4= 18.Qf3 Kf7 19.Qxf4 Qxf4 20.Rxf4 Rhd8?! A faulty try at being smart.
[20...Rad8 21.Rd1 Rhe8 22.Ne3 Bg6 White should prevent ...Nf5! was fine for Black: 23.Kf2 *(23.d4?* -1.07/22 23.Kf2 0.00 *Nf5!∓)* 23...Rd6! 24.d4? -1.02/18 *(24.Nd5=* -0.03/20 *)* 24...Re6∓]
21.Rd1 Rd6?!
[21...g5 22.Rf2 Rd6 23.Ne3 0.13/17 *(23.a4±* 0.48/22 *)* 23...Bg6!⇄ was the right way.]
22.Ne3 Be6 23.d4↑ White has some pressure. **23...cxd4** 1.04/24
[I had missed that after 23...g5 0.77/22 23...Ng6 0.25White could play 24.Re4! f5 1.54/23 *(24...Rxd4±* 0.70/21 *25.Rdxd4 cxd4 26.Rxd4 Ng6)* 25.Bh5+± Kf6 2.19/22 *(25...Kf8±* 1.51/23 *26.Rf1 cxd4)* 26.Rf1+- cxd4 27.c5! with a clear advantage, as Rdd8?? 5.53/23 is would be met by *(⌓27...dxe3* 2.40/18 *28.cxd6 Nd5)* 28.Ng4+!+-]
[23...Ng6!= 0.19/22 remains equal. 24.Re4 Rxd4 25.Rexd4 *(25.Rdxd4 cxd4 26.Rxd4 Ke7=)* 25...cxd4 26.Rxd4 Ne5]
24.Rfxd4 0.59/22
[24.c5 was perhaps stronger, with the idea Rdd8 25.Rdxd4 Rxd4 0.91/18 *(25...Bxa2±* 0.55/21 *26.Rxd8 Rxd8)* 26.Rxd4± Bxa2? 27.Rd7±]
[But not 24.Rdxd4?! Rad8 25.Nc2 Ng6=]
[24.c5± 1.04/24 Rdd8 25.Rfxd4 Rxd4 26.Rxd4]
24...Rad8 1.21/26 Exchanging the rooks on d4 was mandatory.
[24...Rxd4± 0.59/22 25.Rxd4 Ng6]
25.Rxd6± Rxd6 26.Kf2? 0.41/22
[I had considered 26.Rxd6 cxd6 27.b6 Bf3 is the strong threat. Ke8? 2.92/24 to hold for Black but had missed the move *(27...Nc6±* 0.88/24 might work better.*)* 28.c5! after which White is probably winning]
[26.Rxd6± 1.10/23 cxd6 27.b6]
26...f5?? 2.43/25
[26...Nc8 was required, although White is definitely a bit better.]
[Black should try 26...Nc8± 0.41/22]
27.Rxd6+- cxd6



28.Nc2 1.23/20
[28.b6! Ke8 3.95/23 *(⌓28...Nc6* 2.61/18 *29.Bf3 Nb8)* 29.c5! was (again) even stronger.]
[28.b6!+- 2.28/23]
28...f4? 4.23/24 Missing a very easy tactic.
[28...Nc8

(Diagram)

29.Ke3! was very difficult for Black,

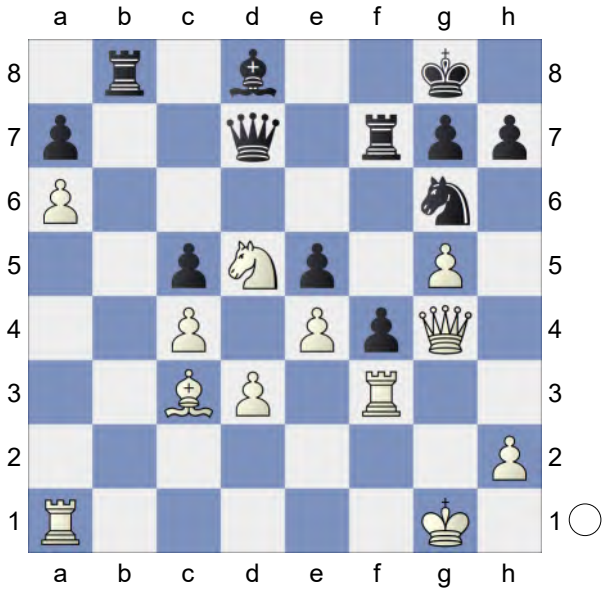


but not lost.]
[28...Nc8± 1.23/20]
29.Nd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.62
[29.Nd4 Nc8 6.60/20 *(⌓29...Kf6* 4.14/21 *30.b6 Bc8)* 30.Nxe6+- Kxe6 31.Bg4++-]
1-0

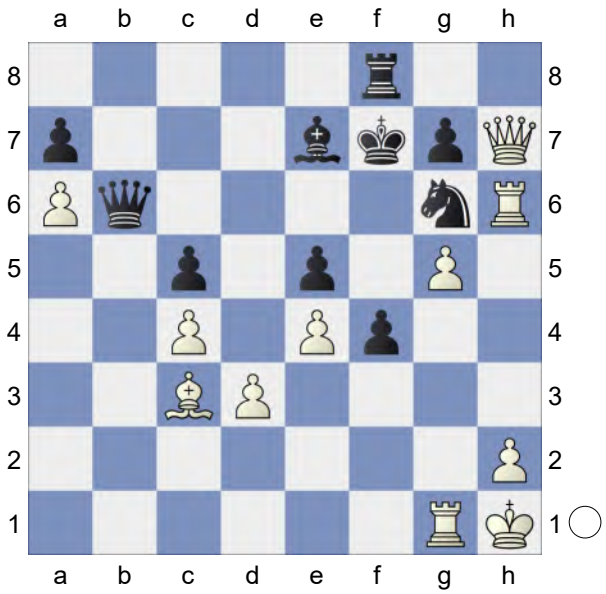
A09
□ **Zablotsky,Sergei** **2464**
■ **Khismatullin,Denis Rimovich** **2557**
RUS-chT2 Sochi (4.3) 04.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b5 The position is equal. **8...Ne7 9.e3** And now Re1 would win. **9...Ng6! 10.Ng5N** -0.60/18
[10.a4= -0.13/21 should be considered.]
[10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 h5 23.Nb3 Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6 Duda,J (2732)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov,Ivan] ½-½ 25.Ke2 Bd6 26.Rg1 f6 27.a6 b6 28.Raf1 Kf7 29.Bc1 Rh8 30.Bd2 h4 ½-½ (30) Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw,John]]
10...Be7 11.Ne4 Be6 -0.26/21
[11...h5∓ -0.78/20]
12.d3= 0-0 0.26/22
[12...Nxe4∓ -0.36/22 13.Bxe4 0-0]
13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Nd2 dxe3! 15.fxe3 Bg5 16.Qe2 f5 Prevents Ne4. **17.Nb1 Rae8 18.Nc3** Inhibits e4. **18...f4** 1.14/19
[18...Ne7± 0.45/20]
19.Bd5 0.42/19
[19.h4!± 1.14/19 Bh6 20.h5]
19...Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Qd7 21.Qh5 Bh6 22.e4! Rf7 23.a4 0.69/19
[23.Rae1± 1.02/21]
23...Ref8± 24.a5 0.00/21
[24.Bxe5 Nxe5 25.Qxe5 g6 26.Nxf4 *(26.gxf4? Qg4+ 27.Kh1 Bg7-+)* 26...Bxf4 27.Rxf4 Rxf4 28.gxf4 Qg4+ 29.Kf2 Rxf4+ 30.Ke3 Rf3+ 31.Kd2 Rf2+ 32.Kc3 Qe2 33.Qe6+ *(33.Qb8+ Kg7 34.Qc7+ Kh6)* 33...Kg7 34.Qe7+ Kh8 35.Qd8+ *(35.Qe5+ Kg8=)* 35...Kg7 36.Qe7+ Kh8 37.Qe5+ Kg8 38.Qe6+ *(38.Qb8+ Kg7 39.Qe5+ Kh6)* 38...Kg7 39.Qe7+=]
[24.Rae1± 0.78/20]
24...Qd8 1.14/20
[24...fxg3!= 0.00/21 remains equal. 25.hxg3 Be3+ 26.Nxe3 Qxd3]
25.a6 0.00/18
[25.Bxe5± 1.14/20 f3 26.Ra2]
25...bxa6= 26.bxa6
[26.Rxa6 fxg3 27.Rxf7 gxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Rxf7∓]

26...Bg5 0.48/19
[26...fxg3= 0.00/18 feels stronger. 27.hxg3 Be3+ 28.Nxe3 Qxd3]
27.Bc3
[27.h4 Bf6 28.gxf4 Nxf4 29.Rxf4 exf4 30.Bxf6 gxf6∓]
[27.Qg4!?]
27...Bf6 0.53/23
[27...fxg3!= 0.18/24 28.Rxf7 *(28.hxg3 Be3+ 29.Kg2 Rf2+ 30.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 31.Kh1 Bd4∓)* 28...Rxf7 29.hxg3 Be3+ 30.Nxe3 Qxd3]
28.Rf3 Qd6 1.06/22
[Black should play 28...Be7± 0.39/22]
29.g4 -0.23/22
[Better is 29.gxf4!± 1.06/22 Strongly threatening Rh3. Nxf4 30.Rxf4! exf4 31.e5 Bxe5 32.Bxe5]
29...Rb8 30.g5 Bd8 31.Qg4 Qd7? 1.20/27
[31...Rb3∓ -0.47/19 stays ahead. 32.Rf2 Ne7]



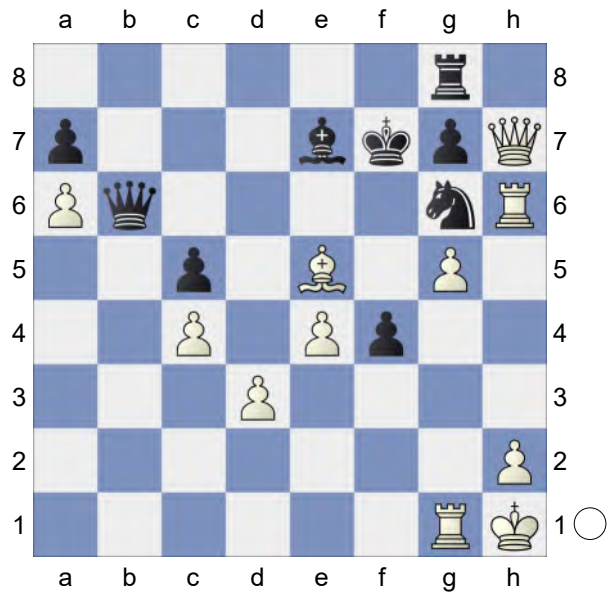
32.Qh5 -0.18/22 &Bianco is much more active.
[32.Qxd7!± 1.20/27 Rxd7 33.Rff1]
32...Rb3 33.Kh1
[33.Rh3!? Kf8 34.Qxh7 Qg4+ 35.Kh1±]
33...Qd6 34.Rg1 aiming for Rh3.
34...Be7? 4.09/21 Loses the game.
[Resist 34...Ne7 35.Rh3 Qg6 36.Qd1± *(36.Bxe5 Qxh5 37.Rxh5 f3=)*]
[34...Nf8= -0.27/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]
35.Rh3+- Rf8 4.70/22
[⌓35...Kf8 2.95/18 36.Ba5 *(36.Qxh7 Ke8+-)* 36...f3]
36.Qxh7+ White is clearly winning.
36...Kf7 37.Rh6 Bxe5! is the strong threat. **37...Rb6** 8.05/19
[⌓37...Rh8 4.77/17 38.Rxg6 Rxh7 39.Rxd6 Rxh2+ 40.Kxh2 Bxd6 41.g6+ Ke6]
38.Nxb6 Qxb6



39.Bxe5! Rg8

(Diagram)

40.Bxf4!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.55
1-0

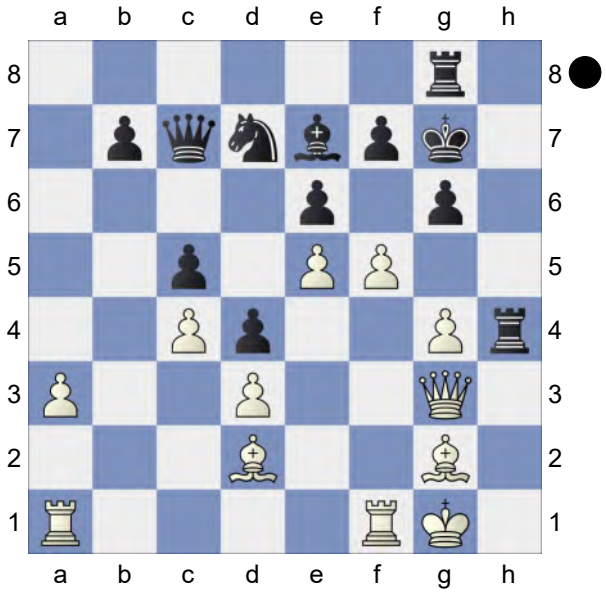


A09

□ **Mitrabha,Guha** **2504**
■ **Kosteniuk,Alexandra** **2501**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e6 6.b5
[6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8 Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z Budapest 2022 0-1]
6...a6N
[6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 d3 21.Ne3 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) Cetinje 2017 CBM 92_01 [Michalczak] 0-1 (40) Nd4 22.Qg4 Rd8 23.Nd5 Rxd5 24.exd5 Bf6 25.Rae1 Qd7 26.Qh3 Rxa4 27.g4 Ra2 28.g5 Rxd2 29.gxf6 Re2 30.Ra1 Re8 31.fxg7 d2 32.f6 Qd8 33.Qh4 Nf5 34.Qg5 Ne3 35.Rfb1 Nc2 36.Bh3 Rapport,R (2729)-Caruana,F (2813) Germany 2017 CBM 182 [Postny, Evgeny] 0-1 (40)]
7.bxa6 -0.42/22
[7.Bg2± 0.46/21]
7...Nxa6∓ ...d3 is the strong threat.
8.Bg2 Black is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.f4 c6! 10.0-0 Be7** -0.09/21
[10...Nd7∓ -0.51/23]
11.d3!= h5 0.37/19
[11...Nc5= -0.15/22]
12.Re1 -0.37/19
[12.Nd2± 0.37/19]
12...g6 0.00/20
[12...Nc5∓ -0.37/19]
13.Nd2 Nc5 14.Nf3 Na4 Against Bb2
15.Bd2 -0.11/22 Prevents Bb4.
[Better is 15.Qb3!± 0.39/19]
15...0-0 16.Ne5 Kg7 17.h3 Qc7 0.00/18
[17...Nc3 18.Qb3=]
[17...Nd7∓ -0.31/21]
18.g4 -0.86/23
[18.Nf3= 0.00/18]
18...hxg4∓
[Much worse is 18...Nc3?! 19.Qc1=]
19.hxg4 Bd6
[Don't play 19...Nc3?! 20.Qc2=]
20.Qf3 Rh8 21.Qg3 Nc5 Pair of Knights! **22.Bb4 Nfd7! 23.a3 Nxe5** 0.00/19
[23...g5∓ -1.09/18 Threatens to win with ...gxf4. 24.Nxd7 gxf4!]
24.fxe5= Be7 25.Red1 -0.66/18
[25.Reb1= 0.00/19]
25...Qd8 -0.06/22 &Nero is more active.
[25...Na4!∓ -0.66/18 26.Rdc1 Qd8]
26.f4 -0.51/22
[26.Bxc5= -0.06/22

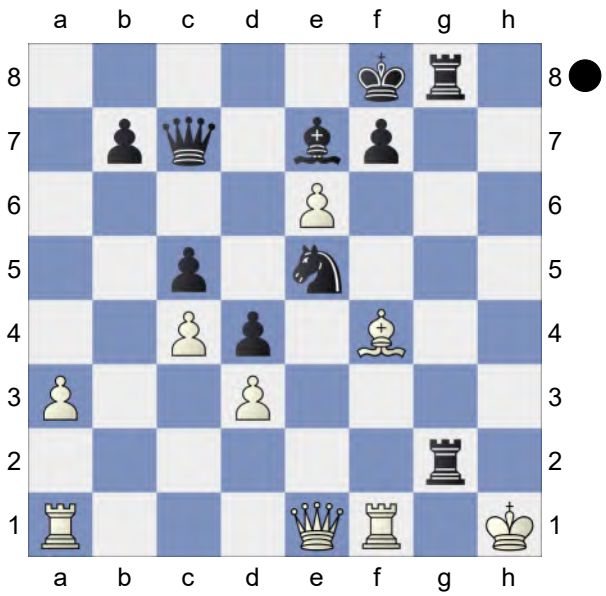
is more appropriate. Bxc5 27.Rdb1]
26...Nd7 0.00/20
[26...Na4∓ -0.51/22]
27.Bd2 Qc7 28.Rf1 -0.30/20
[28.Bb4 0.01/19 is superior. Bc5 29.Rdb1]
28...Rag8
[But not 28...Bxa3 29.f5±]
29.Bb4 c5 0.79/21
[29...Nc5= 0.00/21]
30.Bd2± Rh4 1.53/22
[⌓30...b5 0.79/19]
31.f5? -3.83/19
[31.Rfb1± 1.53/22 keeps the pressure on.]

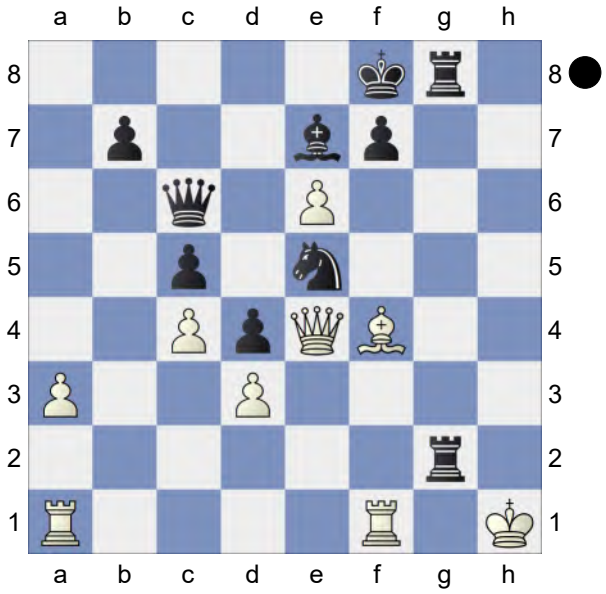


This costs White the game. **31...gxf5!-+**
32.gxf5+ Kf8 33.Qe1 -6.00/18
[⌓33.Qf2 -4.06/18 Rhg4 34.f6 Rxg2+ 35.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 36.Kxg2]
33...Rhg4 34.fxe6 -8.33/20
[⌓34.Bh6+ -4.33/16 Ke8 35.Ra2]
34...Rxg2+ 35.Kh1 Nxe5 36.Bf4

(Diagram)

Inhibits Rh2+. **36...Qc6! 37.Qe4**
(Diagram)

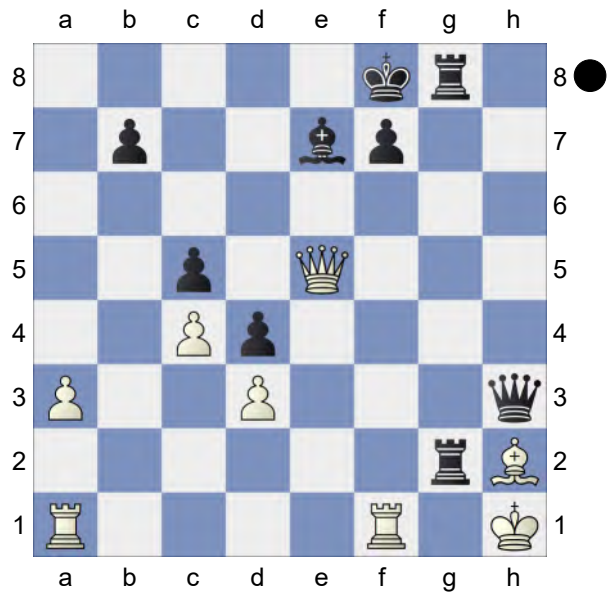




Qxe6! (-> ...Qh3+) **38.Qxe5**
[38.Qxg2 Rxg2]
38...Qh3+ Black mates. **39.Bh2**

(Diagram)

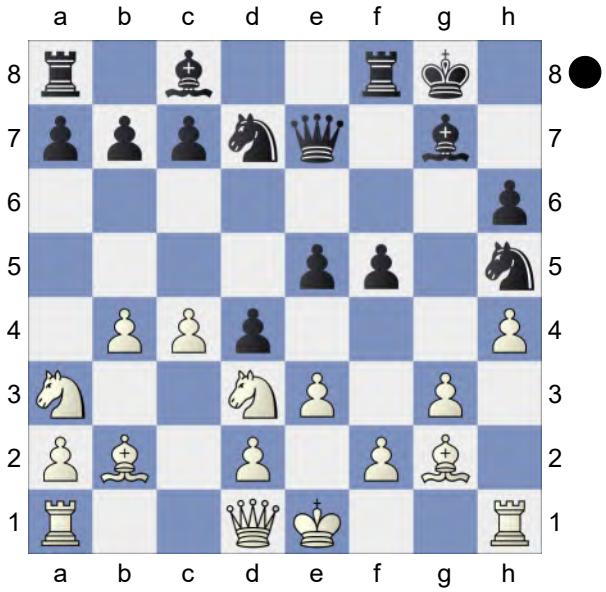
Rg1+! 40.Rxg1 Qf3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/ Black=0.33
0-1



A09

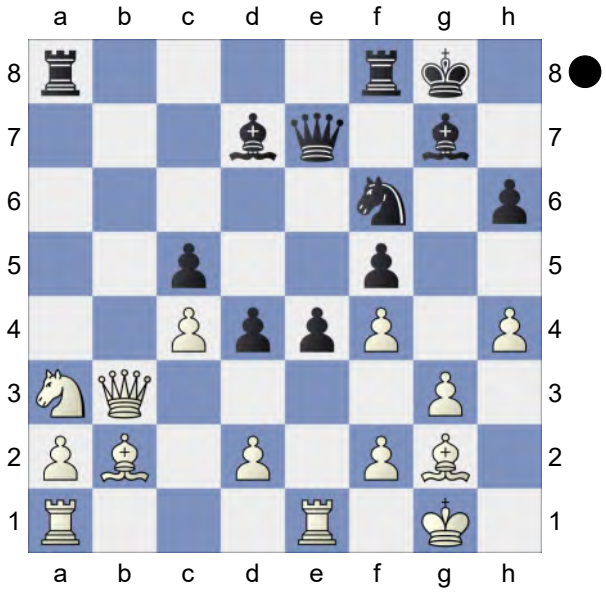
□ **Gareev,T** **2584**
■ **Andriasian,Z** **2600**
13th Philadelphia Int (7.2) 30.06.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.h4N
[6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] *)* 8.Nd3 *(8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 19.0-0-0 Bxe2 20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Rde1 Nxc5* 0-1 (21) Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser]*)* 8...Ne7 *(8...Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 23.Be2* Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42) *)* 9.e3 0-0 10.c5 Ng6 11.h4 Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.a3 Qh4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Re1 Bf7 20.g3 Qg5 Reinderman,D (2575)-Schoppen,C (2395) Dieren 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (46)]
6...h6! Black has compensation. **7.Ne4 f5 8.Nc5** Black is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 Qe7 11.Nd3 Nbd7 12.Na3 Nh5**
[12...e4 13.Nf4±]
13.e3



Ndf6 -0.25/20
[13...e4!∓ -0.89/23 14.Qxh5 exd3]
14.Qb3 -0.64/20
[14.Nc2!= -0.25/20 was preferrable.]
14...a5 -0.26/18
[14...e4∓ -0.64/20 deserves consideration. 15.Nf4 Nxf4 16.exf4 a5]
15.bxa5!=
[15.exd4 exd4+ 16.Kd1 axb4=]

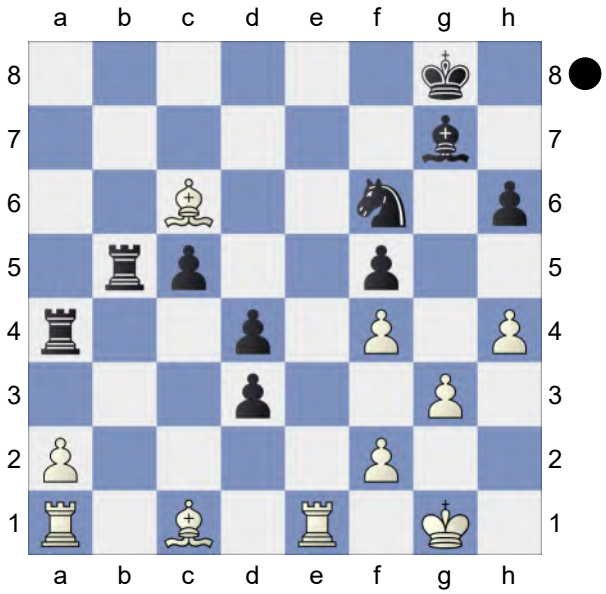
15...c5 -0.06/21
[15...Rxa5∓ -0.43/21 is superior. 16.c5+ *(16.Bxb7 Bxb7 17.Qxb7 dxe3∓; 16.exd4 exd4+ 17.Kd1 Ne4±)* 16...Be6]
16.0-0 -0.41/20
[16.exd4= -0.06/21 exd4+ 17.Kf1]
16...e4∓ 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.exf4 Rxa5 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Qxb7 -1.32/22
[⌓20.Nb5 -0.83/23]
20...Raa8∓ Strongly threatening ...Rfb8.
21.Qb3



Ba4↑ Keeping White busy. **22.Qd3 Qb7 23.Qb1 Rfb8** -2.27/24
0x0.001bcf59d7c5dp-1022s more active pieces. White does not recover from this.
[23...Kh8∓ -0.94/22 24.Bf1 Rg8]
24.Bc1-+ Qa6 25.Nb5 Bxb5 26.cxb5 Rxb5
[26...Qxb5 27.Qxb5 Rxb5 28.a4±]
27.Qc2 Qa4 28.Qxa4 Rxa4 29.d3 exd3 And now ...Ne4! would win. **30.Bc6**

(Diagram)

Rba5 31.Bd2 -2.06/22
[Reject 31.Bxa4 Rxa4 32.f3 c4∓]
[31.a3∓ -1.36/18]



31...Ra6 32.Bxa4 -2.57/20
[32.Bb5∓ -1.35/22 Ne4 33.Red1 *(33.Bxa4 Rxa4 34.Red1 c4-+; 33.Bxa6 Rxa6 34.Red1 c4∓)*]
32...Rxa4 33.Rab1? -4.48/21
[33.f3 -2.67/22 c4 34.Red1]
33...Rxa2 Black is clearly winning.
34.Rb8+ Kh7 35.Re7 -7.56/23
[⌓35.Rd1 -4.73/20 Ne4 36.Be1]
35...Rxd2 36.Rbb7 Nh5 aiming for ... Rd1+. **37.g4 Re2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Martinez Ramirez,L** **2426**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2690**
Titled Tue 6th Jun Late blitz (10) 6.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 g4N
[4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 *(5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3*

15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Schunk,E (2541)-Castro Salguero,R (2508) Oslo NOR 2022 CBM 008 [Adorjan,Andras] 1-0 (34)*)*
6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39)*)*
6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 19.Nc6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

5.Nxd4 Bg7
[5...Qxd4? 6.Bb2 Qd8 7.Bxh8+-]

6.e3 &Bianco is more active.
[Don't blunder 6.Qa4+? Bd7 7.Qc2 Bxd4-+]

6...a5 7.b5 a4 1.71/20
[7...Bxd4? 8.exd4 c6 9.d3+-]
[7...c5± 1.10/21]

8.Qc2+- White is clearly better. **8...Nh6**

9.Bb2 0-0 10.Bd3 f5 1.60/23
[⌓10...e5 1.24/24]

11.Na3 1.09/25
[⌓11.c5! 1.60/23]

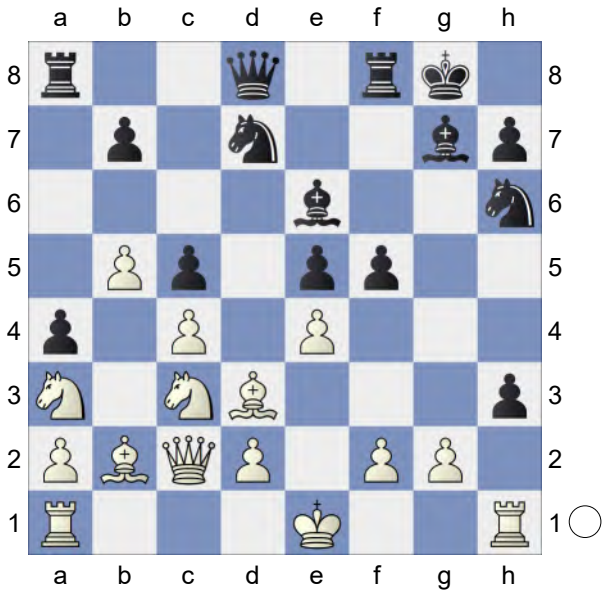
11...e5 12.Ne2 c5 1.99/20
[12...Nd7± 1.36/23 might work better.]

13.Nc3 1.58/20
[13.Ng3+- 1.99/20]

13...Be6± 14.e4 1.28/23
[White should play 14.0-0-0+- 1.65/20]

14...Nd7 15.h3 0.63/21
[15.0-0-0!± 1.22/23]

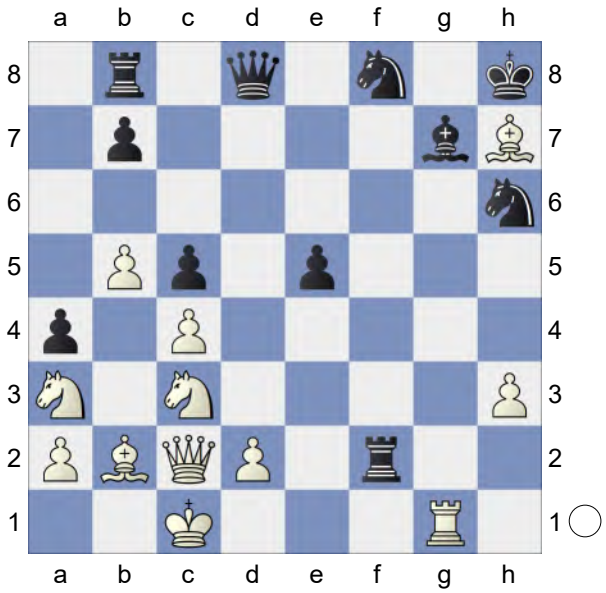
15...gxh3±



16.Rxh3 0.27/22
[16.0-0-0!± 0.84/23]

16...fxe4= 17.Bxe4 Bxh3 18.gxh3 Rb8 19.Bxh7+ This bishop pair is nice.

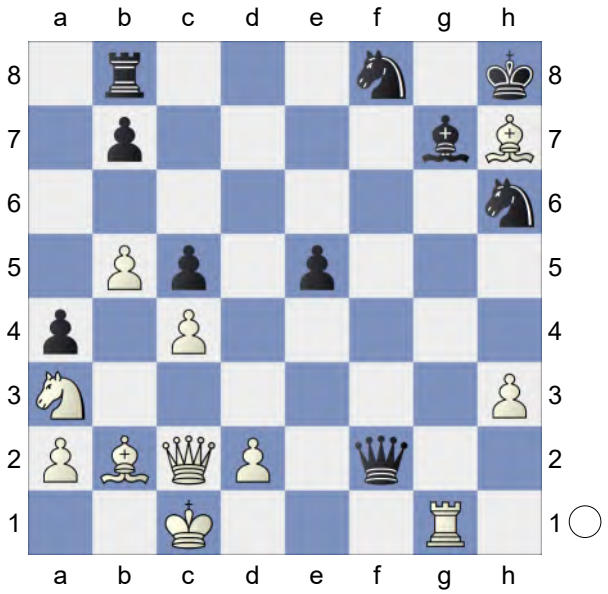
19...Kh8 20.0-0-0 Rxf2 21.Rg1 Rxg7! is the strong threat. **21...Nf8**



22.Ne4 -0.40/29 **Qh4?** 3.78/18 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[22...Rf7∓ -0.40/29 stays ahead. 23.Ng5 Qxg5 24.Rxg5 Rf1+ 25.Qd1 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Nf7]

23.Nxf2+- Black must now prevent Rxg7!

23...Qxf2

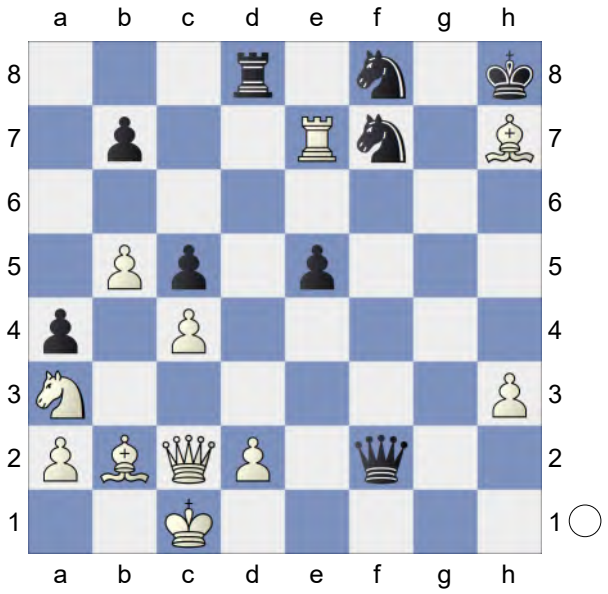


24.Rxg7 Strongly threatening Re7. Dancing on a razor blade. **24...Rd8** 6.75/21

[⌓24...Qe1+ 4.33/23 25.Qd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Kxg7 27.Bxe5+ Kxh7 28.Bxb8 Nd7]

[24...Kxg7 25.Bxe5+]

25.Re7 Nf7



26.Rxf7!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.64

1-0

A09

□ **Agrest,E** **2596**

■ **Morozevich,A** **2711**

World Rapid 2015 (12.47) 12.10.2015

[Kitty Kat]

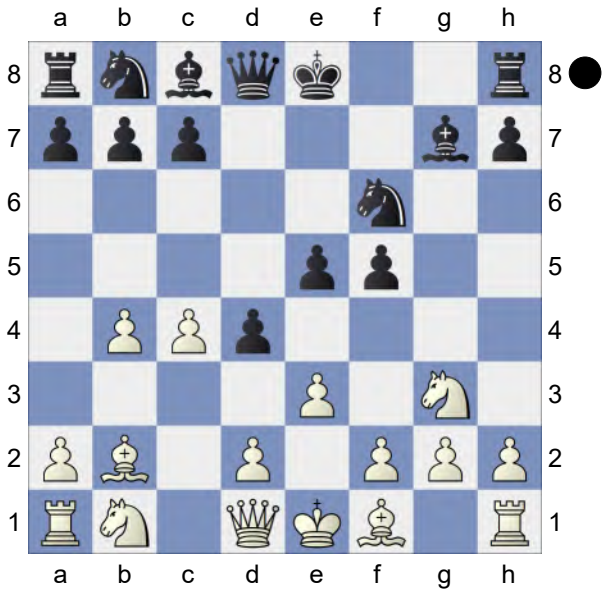
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5! Black has compensation. **7.Ng3** -0.87/19

[7.Nc5∓ -0.38/23 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

7...Nf6∓ And now ...f4 would win. **8.e3** -1.53/20

[White should play 8.e4!∓ -0.65/20]



8...0-0! 9.Bd3N

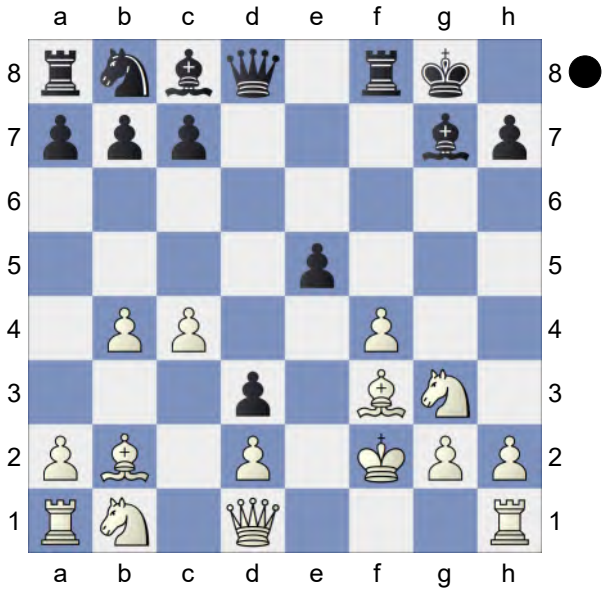
[9.c5 f4 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Ne2 d3 12.Nc1 e4 13.exf4 Nc6 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Nc3 Bg4 16.Qa4 Nf3+ 17.gxf3 Bxf3 18.Be6 Nh5 19.Qd7 Qf6

20.Nxe4 Qg6+ 21.Ng3 Bxb2 22.Nxd3 Rad8 23.f5 Qg5
Morton,T (2550)-Stronsky,V (2547) USSR 13/669 2017 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (33)]

9...Ng4 -0.21/21
[9...e4-+ -1.63/21 10.Bf1 d3]

10.Be2= Nxf2? 1.37/22 **11.Kxf2±** Strongly threatening Nh5. **11...f4** **12.exf4 d3** 1.82/21
[12...Rxf4+± 1.08/19 13.Kg1 d3]

13.Bf3+-



Nh5 is the strong threat. **13...e4** 2.05/19
[⌓13...exf4 1.62/18 14.Bd5+ Kh8 15.Bxg7+ Kxg7]

14.Bxg7
[And not 14.Nxe4 Bxb2 15.Nbc3 Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Qg7+ 17.Kf2 Qd4+ 18.Kg3 Qg7+ 19.Kf2 Qd4+∓]

14...Kxg7 15.Nxe4
[Weaker is 15.Nh5+ Kh6 16.Bxe4 Qd4+ 17.Kf1 Qxe4=]

15...Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Hoping for Nbc3.

16...Nc6? 3.74/18
[16...Qxa1 1.70/18 might work better. 17.Nec3 *(17.Nbc3 Qxd1 18.Rxd1 Bf5±)* 17...Qb2]

17.Nbc3 Rxf4 18.Kxf4 0.00/49
[18.Qe1+- 3.65/19]

18...Qe5+= The position is equal.

19.Ke3 Qd4+ 20.Kf4 Qe5+ 21.Ke3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.56

½-½

A09

□ **Chatalbashev,B** **2596**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman** **2711**
(ch) 52/199 United States (12) 12.10.15
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5! Black has compensation. **7.Ng3** -0.80/19
[7.Nc5∓ -0.42/23 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

7...Nf6∓ White must now prevent ...f4.

8.e3 -1.57/20
[8.e4!∓ -0.61/19]

(Diagram)

8...0-0! 9.Bd3N
[9.c5 f4 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Ne2 d3 12.Nc1 e4 13.exf4 Nc6 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Nc3 Bg4 16.Qa4 Nf3+ 17.gxf3 Bxf3 18.Be6 Nh5 19.Qd7 Qf6 20.Nxe4 Qg6+ 21.Ng3 Bxb2 22.Nxd3 Rad8 23.f5 Qg5
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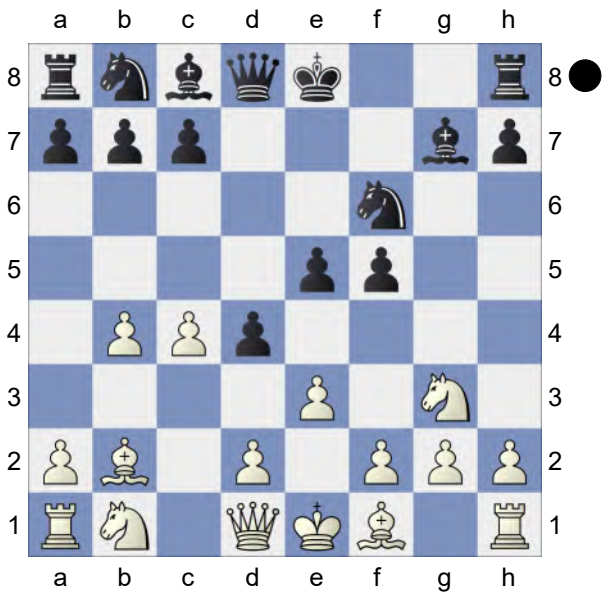


[Haist,W] 0-1 (33)]

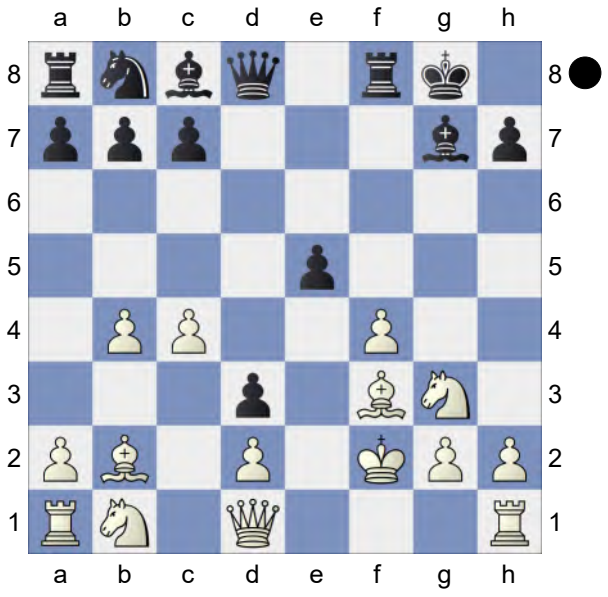
9...Ng4 -0.28/22

[9...e4∓ -1.44/20 10.Bf1 d3]

10.Be2= Nxf2? 1.29/19 **11.Kxf2± f4 12.exf4 d3** 1.68/21

[12...Rxf4+± 1.25/21 might work better. 13.Kg1 d3]

13.Bf3+-



Hoping for Nh5. **13...e4** 2.19/19

[13...exf4± 1.52/19 was worth a try. 14.Bd5+ Kh8 15.Bxg7+ Kxg7 16.Nh5+ Kh6]

14.Bxg7

[14.Nxe4 Bxb2 15.Nbc3 Rxf4∓]

14...Kxg7 15.Nxe4 1.56/18

[15.Nh5+ Kh6 16.g4 *(16.Bxe4 Qd4+ 17.Kf1 Qxe4=)* 16...Qh4+ 17.Kg1 exf3±]

[White should try 15.Bxe4+- 2.73/23 Qd4+ 16.Ke1 Qxa1 17.Bxd3]

15...Qd4+± 16.Kg3 aiming for Nbc3.

16...Nc6? 3.74/18

[16...Qxa1 1.76/19 was necessary. 17.Nec3 *(17.Nbc3 Qxd1 18.Rxd1 Bf5±)* 17...Qb2]

17.Nbc3+- Rxf4 18.Kxf4 0.00/49

[18.Qe1+- 3.62/19]

18...Qe5+= The position is equal.

19.Ke3 Qd4+ 20.Kf4 Qe5+ 21.Ke3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.51

½-½

A09

□ **Mekhitarian,K** **2554**

■ **Martinez Ramirez,L** **2450**

Titled Tue 5th Mar Early blitz (11) 5.3.24

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...Bg7 5.d3 h6! 6.g3 a5N

[6...e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Levitina,I

(2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

7.b5 Nf6 8.Ba3 White is slightly better.

8...0-0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.h4 -0.52/21

[White should try 10.Nbd2± 0.33/21]

10...g4!∓ 11.Nfd2 Ra7 -0.03/22

[11...Nh5∓ -0.54/20]

12.Ne4 -0.85/19

[12.0-0= -0.03/22]

12...Nxe4 -0.08/22

[12...Nh5∓ -0.85/19]

13.Bxe4=

[But not 13.dxe4 d3 14.Nd2 dxe2 15.Kxe2 Bxa1 16.Qxa1 e5∓]

13...f5 14.Bg2 b6 15.c5 White wants to play c6. **15...e5** 0.86/20

[15...Be6= 0.14/22 keeps the balance.]

16.c6± Black is now going downhill.

[16.0-0 feels hotter. Nd7 17.Nd2 Bf8 18.cxb6 cxb6 19.Qb3+]

16...Be6 1.46/22

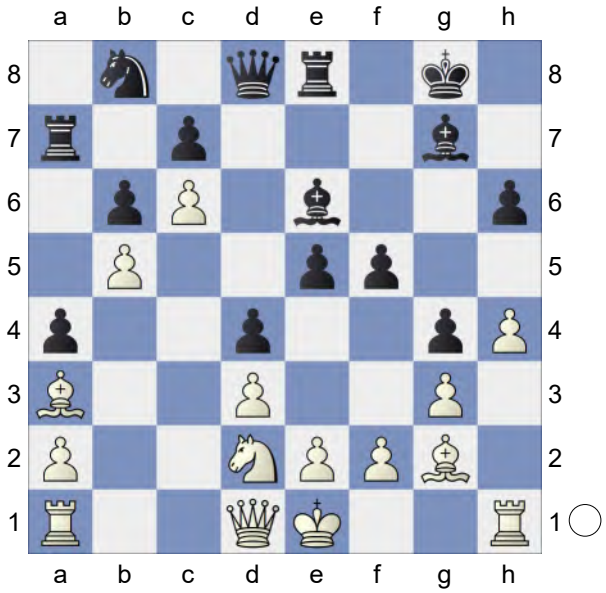
[⌓16...e4 0.93/21]

17.Nd2 0.86/20

[⌓17.0-0! 1.46/22]

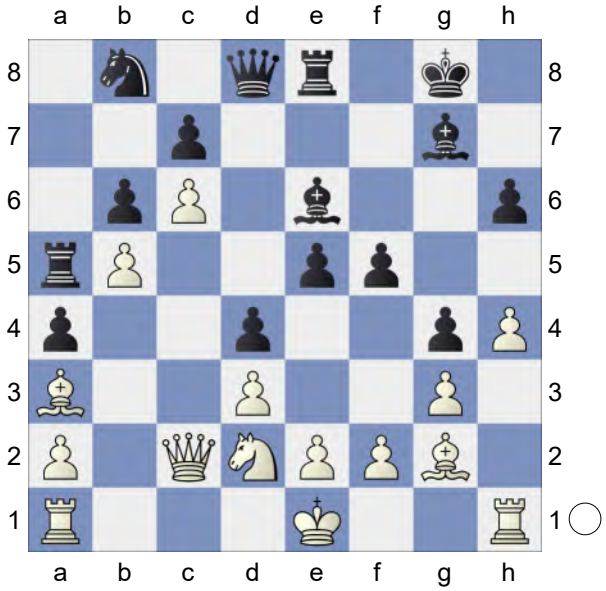
17...a4 1.46/21

[⌓17...Bd5 0.86/20 18.f3 gxf3 19.exf3 a4]



18.Qc2! Ra5 2.33/21

[18...e4± 1.51/21 might work better.]



19.Rb1!+- Bf7 20.0-0 Qf6 21.Nc4 Ra7 22.e3 f4 23.Be4 dxe3 24.fxe3 f3 25.Bb4 a3 26.Bc3 Qe7 27.Kh2 Bf6 28.Qf2 Ra4 29.Rfc1 Kh8

[Less strong is 29...Bxc4 30.dxc4 Kg7 31.Bd5±]

30.Ba1 Rg8 31.Kg1 Re8 32.Rb3 Bh5 2.59/21
[⌓32...Rb4 1.78/18]
33.Bc3 Qc5 3.16/22
[⌓33...Bf7 2.09/19 34.Be1 Bg7]
34.Kh2 Rxc4 4.06/21
[Not 34...Bf7 35.Qd2±]
[34...Kg7 2.58/20 was necessary. 35.Qd2 Qf8]
35.dxc4 Qxc4 36.Qc2 Rd8 37.Ba1 Qe2+ 38.Qxe2 fxe2 39.Re1 Rd2 5.86/22
[⌓39...Bf7 3.91/22]
40.Bc3 Rxa2 41.Bb1 Rb2 42.Bxb2 axb2 43.Rxb2 Bf7 44.Rbxe2 Strongly threatening Rf2. **44...Kg7 45.Rf2** Threatens to win with Ref1. **45...e4 46.Ref1 Bc4 47.Rxf6 Bxb5 48.Bxe4** 11.02/19
[⌓48.Rf7+ #6/17 Kg8 49.Rf8+ Kg7 50.R1f7+ Kg6 51.Bxe4+ Kh5 52.Rf5+ Kg6 53.Rg5#]
48...Bxf1 White is clearly winning. **49.Rxf1** Threatening mate with h5. **49...Na6 50.Rf4 Nc5 51.Bc2 h5 52.Rf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.58
1-0

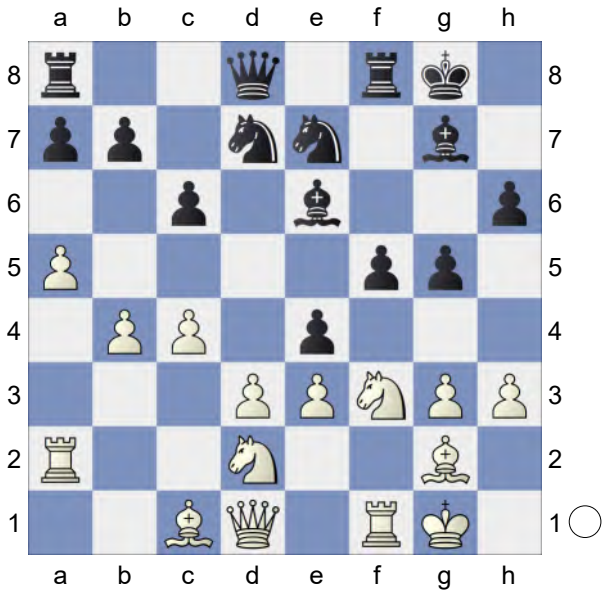
A09

□ **Arabidze,M** **2457**
■ **Kukhmazov,A** **2480**
Titled 0th Sep Early (5) 10.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.a4N**
[9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Bh7 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
9...c6 0.29/20
[⌓9...Be6 -0.12/20]
10.Ra2 -0.39/22
[White should play 10.Nb3= 0.29/20]
10...Be6∓ 11.0-0 Nd7 12.a5 f5 13.e4 -0.92/21
[Better is 13.Nb3∓ -0.32/21]
13...dxe3 14.fxe3 e4? 1.08/20
[14...Ng6∓ -0.74/21 stays on course.]

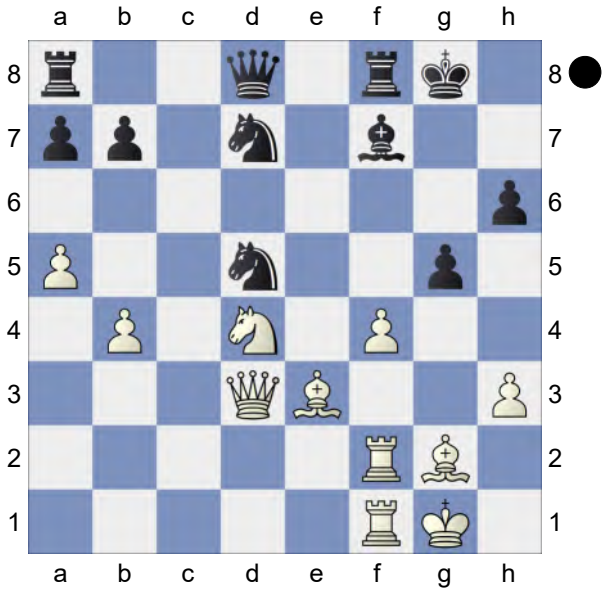
(Diagram)

15.Nd4!± Bxd4 16.exd4 e3 1.87/23
[16...Qc7± 1.04/18]
17.Nf3+- f4 18.d5 cxd5 19.Nd4 Bf7 20.gxf4 dxc4 21.Bxe3 &Bianco is more active. **21...cxd3?** 3.15/19 This costs Black the game.



[21...Nd5± 1.34/18 might work better. 22.Nf5 Nxe3 23.Nxe3 cxd3]

22.Raf2 Nd5 23.Qxd3



Threatens to win with Bxd5. **23...Nxe3 24.Qxe3 Qe8** 4.49/20

[⌓24...Re8 3.10/18 25.Qg3 *(25.Qd3 gxf4 26.Qf5 Qg5+-)* 25...Qf6]

25.Qg3 Qe7 5.19/20

[⌓25...Bc4 3.57/17 26.Rc1 *(26.Bxb7 Bxf1 27.Bxa8 Qxa8+-)* 26...Qf7]

26.Nf5 Qf6 27.fxg5 hxg5 28.Nd6 Qe5 29.Qxe5 Nxe5 30.Bxb7 Rad8 31.Nxf7 Nxf7 5.34/20

[31...Rxf7 3.09/21 was called for. 32.Rxf7 Nxf7]

32.b5 Kg7 33.b6 axb6 34.a6 White is clearly winning. **34...Rd7 35.Bc6 Rc7 36.Bd5 Ra7 37.Rxf7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.60

1-0

A09

□ **Marin,Mi** **2539**

■ **Navara,D** **2725**

European Blitz 2016 (21.17) 18.12.2016

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.d3N

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5

Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

4...h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 e5 7.a4 Ne7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Ng6 9.Ra2** 0.23/24

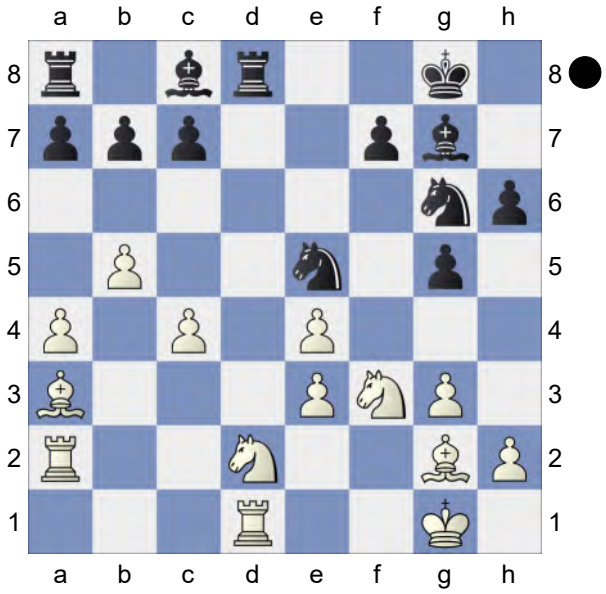
[9.Nfd2± 0.69/19]

9...0-0 10.e3 -0.18/22

[10.Nfd2± 0.37/22]

10...dxe3 11.fxe3 e4 12.dxe4 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nc6 14.Ba3 Nce5 15.Nbd2 Rd8 Hoping for ...Nxc4! **16.b5** -1.84/20

[16.Rb1∓ -0.41/25]



16...Nxc4!-+ Pin **17.Re1 Nxa3 18.Rxa3 g4** -1.38/20

[18...a6-+ -1.89/23 Threatens to win with ...axb5. 19.b6 c6]

19.Nd4∓ Bxd4 -0.87/20

[⌓19...a6 -1.43/20 White must now prevent ...axb5. 20.Nc4 Bxd4 21.exd4 Rxd4]

20.exd4 Rxd4 21.Nf1 -2.04/21

[21.Nb3∓ -0.97/22 was the only defense. Rd8 22.Na5 *(22.Rc1 Ne5∓)*]

21...Be6-+ 22.Ne3 Rad8 -1.34/20

[Black should play 22...c5-+ -1.89/23 23.Rc1 c4]

23.a5 -2.19/23

[23.Rc1∓ -1.34/20]

23...Ne5 24.a6 b6 25.Nd5 Kg7

[25...Bxd5 26.exd5 Re8 27.Rae3∓]

26.Rc3 Rc4 -0.03/24

[Stronger than 26...Bxd5 27.exd5 Re8 28.Kf1=]

[Black should try 26...Rd7∓ -1.55/25 Strongly threatening ...Rd2. 27.Rf1 Rd2]

27.Rxc4= Nxc4 28.Nxc7 -0.36/24

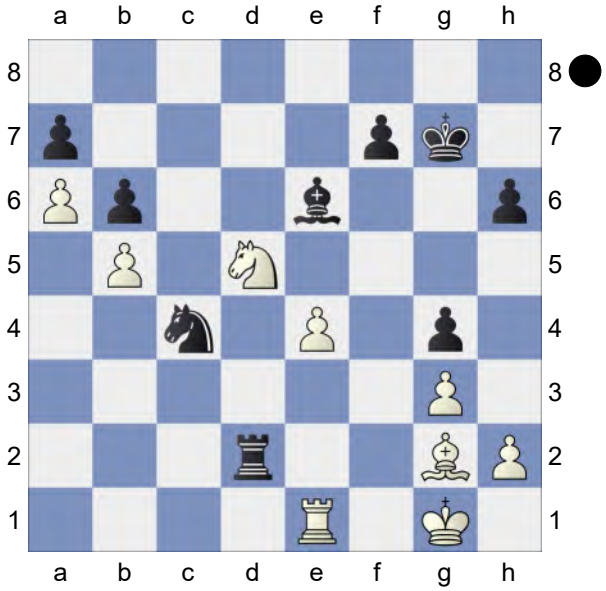
[28.Rc1= -0.04/28 Nd6 29.Rxc7 *(29.Nxc7 Kf6∓)*]

28...Rd2 0.00/29

[28...Kf6∓ -0.36/24 is more appropriate.]

29.Nd5? -1.70/25

[29.e5= 0.00/29 and White has nothing to worry.]



29...Bd7 -0.30/23

[29...Ne5!-+ -1.70/25 30.Rb1 Bd7]

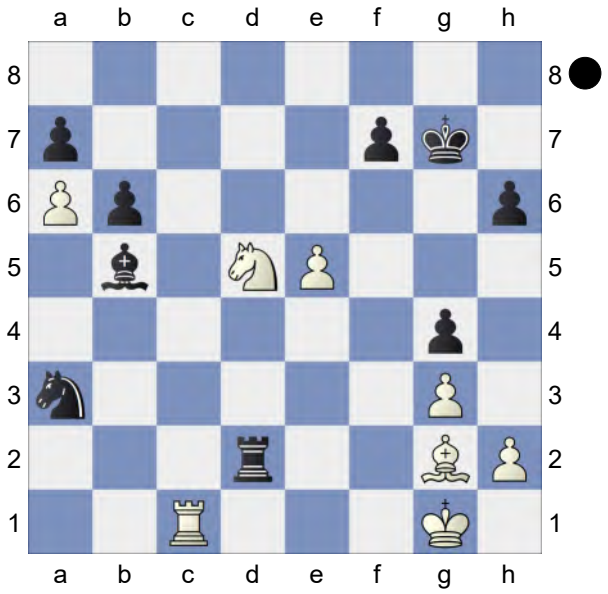
30.Rb1? -1.95/24

[30.e5!= -0.30/23 and White is okay.]

30...Na3-+ 31.Rc1 -2.63/24

[31.Rf1 -1.62/21 was called for.]

31...Bxb5? -0.66/21
[31...Nxb5-+ -2.63/24 And now ...Nd4 would win. 32.Rf1 Be6]
32.e5? -3.16/22
[White must play 32.Ne3!∓ -0.66/21]



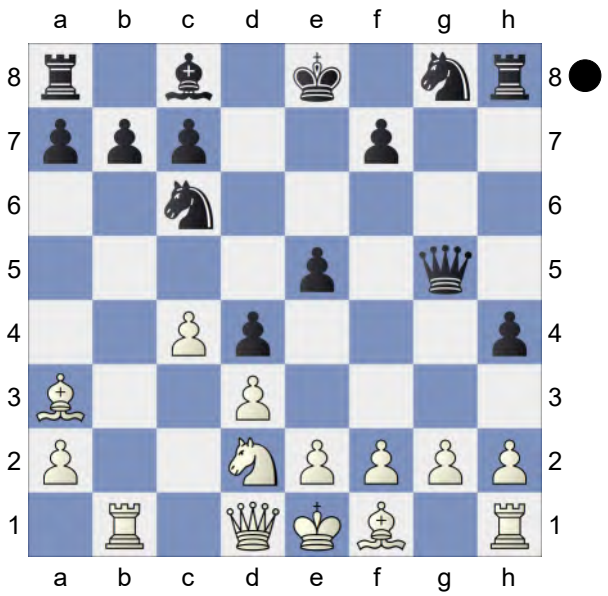
32...Nc2!
[Weaker is 32...Bxa6 33.e6∓]
33.Be4 -4.68/22
[33.Nf6 -3.30/20 keeps fighting. Bxa6 34.Nxg4]
33...Nd4 ...Nf3+ is the strong threat. Black is clearly winning. **34.Nc7 Ne2+ 35.Kh1 Nxc1 36.Nxb5 Ra2 37.Bb7 Nd3 38.Nxa7 Nxe5 39.Nb5** -6.97/22
[⌓39.Kg1 -4.80/22 Nf3+ 40.Kf1 Nxh2+ 41.Ke1 Nf3+ 42.Kf1 Nd2+ 43.Ke1]
39...Nf3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.31
0-1

A09
□ **Bocharov,Dmitry** **2610**
■ **Kokarev,Dmitry** **2628**
130/196 Vladivostok 2016
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 -0.10/21
[6...Bxd2+∓ -0.57/24 7.Qxd2 f6]
7.Bxb4= Nc6 8.Ba3N The position is equal.
[8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2 0-0-0 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 Nd7 Chemin,V (2583)-Etmans,M (2571) Almaty 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (38) 23.Nb3 c5 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 26.Kg1 Re3 27.a4 Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 Be4 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3 34.g5 Rxc4 35.Ra2 Rb4 36.Kg2 c4 37.Kf3 Re3+ Bocharov,D (2583)-Pridorozhni, A (2571) Taganrog 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (38)]
8...h5 next ...h4 is good for Black. **9.Nd2** -0.62/20
[9.h4= -0.02/24 Qg6 10.Nd2]
9...h4!∓ 10.Rb1 -0.79/21
[10.Qa4∓ -0.48/23]

(Diagram)

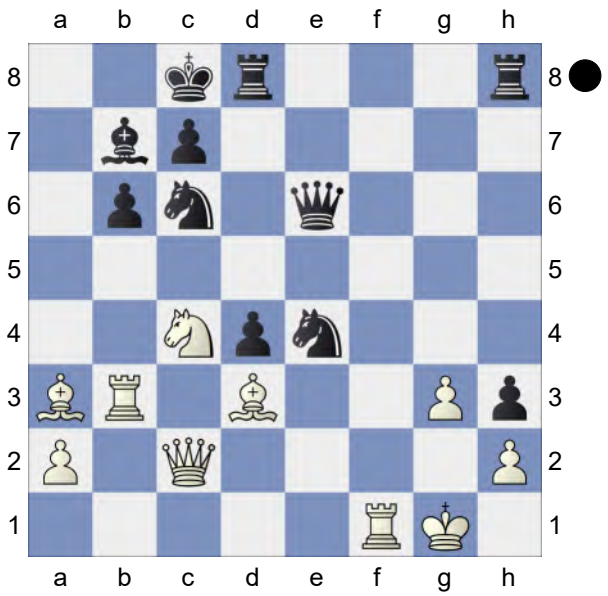
10...b6!∓ 11.Qa4 -1.04/22
[11.Rg1∓ -0.70/19]
11...Qg6 -0.50/23
[11...Bd7∓ -1.04/22]
12.c5 -1.81/19 White does not recover from this.



[12.Rg1!∓ -0.50/23]
12...Bb7-+ 13.Nc4 -2.26/19
[⌓13.Rc1 -1.74/22]
13...0-0-0 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb5 e4 16.Qc2 -3.30/21
[⌓16.dxe4 -2.17/19 Qxe4 17.Bc1]
16...Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6
[18...Qf5 19.f3 Ng3 20.Qxf5+ *(20.e4? dxe3 21.Qxf5+ Nxf5-+)* 20...Nxf5 21.Bc1∓]
19.f3 Nc3 20.e4 f5 21.Bd3 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3 23.g3 Nxe4 Strongly threatening ...Nc3+. **24.0-0**
[Wrong is 24.Bxe4? d3 25.Qc1 Qxe4+ 26.Kd2 Ne5 27.Nxb6+ Kb8 28.Nd7+ Rxd7-+]

(Diagram)

24...Nxg3 Pair of Knights! **25.Rf3?** -10.79/18
[Don't blunder 25.hxg3? h2+ 26.Qxh2 Rxh2-+]
[25.Nxb6+ -2.90/19 Kb8 26.Nd7+ *(26.hxg3? h2+ 27.Qxh2 Rxh2-+)* 26...Rxd7 27.Rxb7+ Kxb7 28.hxg3]
25...Qe1+ 26.Bf1 Nxf1 27.Rxf1 Rdg8+



Black mates. **28.Rg3 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Nb4+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.23 (precise) . Loss on time!?
1-0

A09
□ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2725**
■ **Kukhmazov,A** **2442**
Titled Tuesday 2nd Mar blitz (4) 02.03.21
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.d3N
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)*
6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6

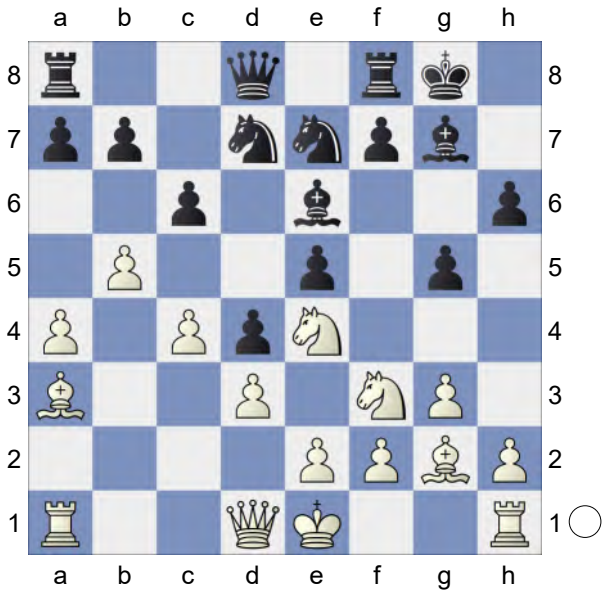
18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]
[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

4...h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 e5 7.b5 0.17/23
[7.0-0± 0.48/22]

7...Ne7= 8.a4 The position is equal.

8...c6 0.59/24
[8...g4= 0.10/22 is more appropriate.]

9.Ba3 Be6 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Ne4 Nd7 1.38/24
[⌓11...b6 0.91/23]

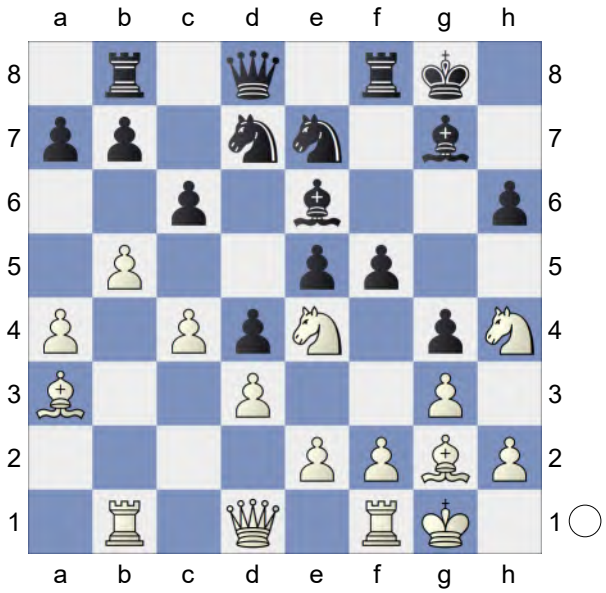


12.0-0 0.48/21 &Bianco is more active.
[12.Nfd2!± 1.38/24]

12...g4 1.71/26 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[12...f5± 0.48/21 13.Nc5 Nxc5 14.Bxc5 Re8]

13.Nh4+- Rb8 1.93/20
[13...f5± 1.48/21]

14.Rb1 f5 3.14/24
[⌓14...c5 1.73/23]



15.bxc6! bxc6 Strongly threatening ... Rxb1.
[15...Nxc6 16.Nd6]

16.Rxb8 Nxb8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng6! Qb4 2.55/23
[18...Qc7 1.93/19 was necessary.]

19.Nxf8 Bxf8

(Diagram)

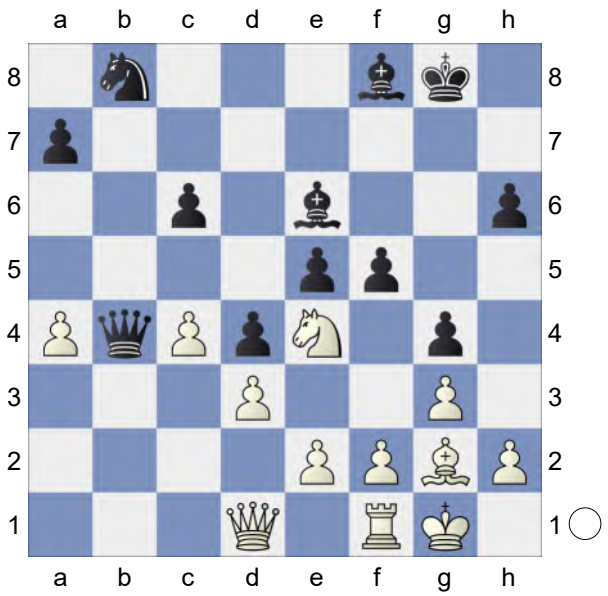
20.Nd2 a5 21.Qc2 Hoping for Rb1.

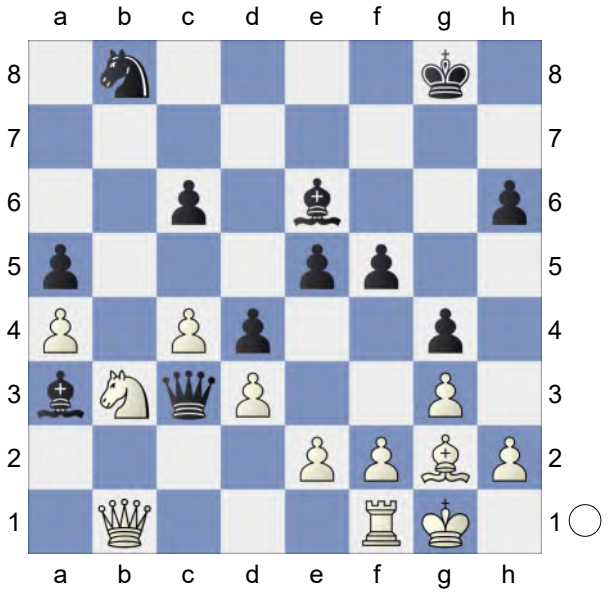
21...Qc3 22.Qb1 Bb4? 5.12/21
[22...Qb4 3.01/22 23.Nb3 Na6 24.Bxc6 Be7]

23.Nb3 Ba3

(Diagram)

24.Nxd4!





Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.54

1-0

A09

□ **Dardha,Daniel** **2541**

■ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2508**

38th Cappelle Open 2022 (4.1) 14.02.22

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

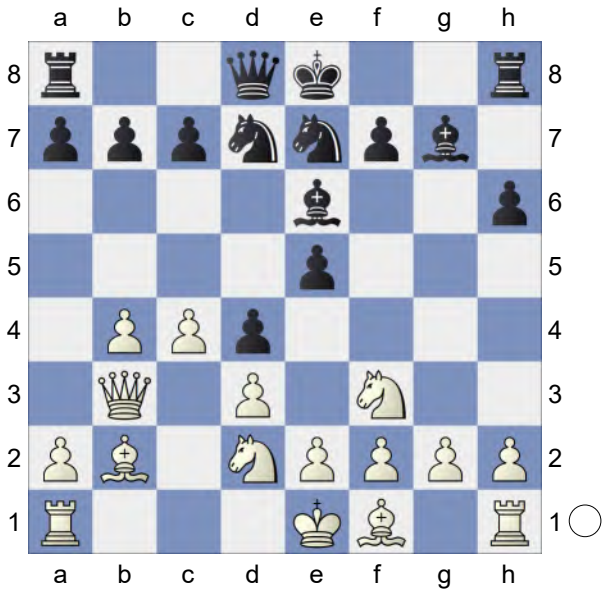
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 h6N 0.98/20

[5...e5!= 0.02/20 keeps the balance. 6.d3 *(6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 19.Nc6 Rb7 20.Qa3 Qd6* Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)*)* 6...Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 21.Rc1 Rhf8 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39)]

6.Nf3!± &Bianco is more active. **6...e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2** White is better. **8...Be6 9.Bb2** 0.60/20

[Better is 9.g3± 1.22/19]

9...Nd7

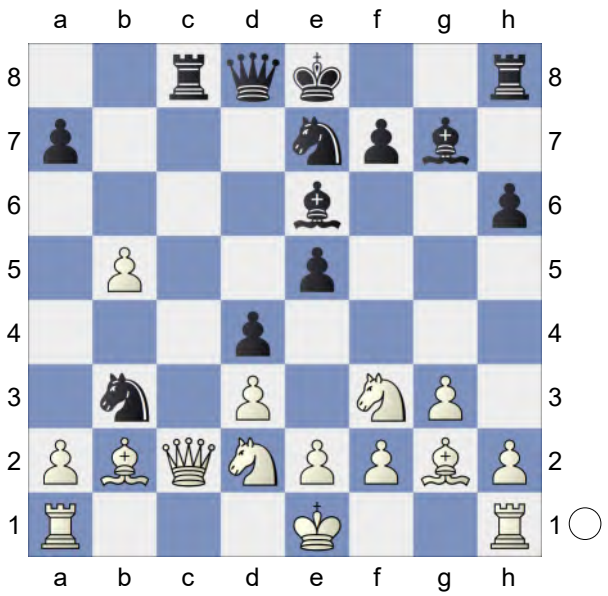


10.g3 0.56/21

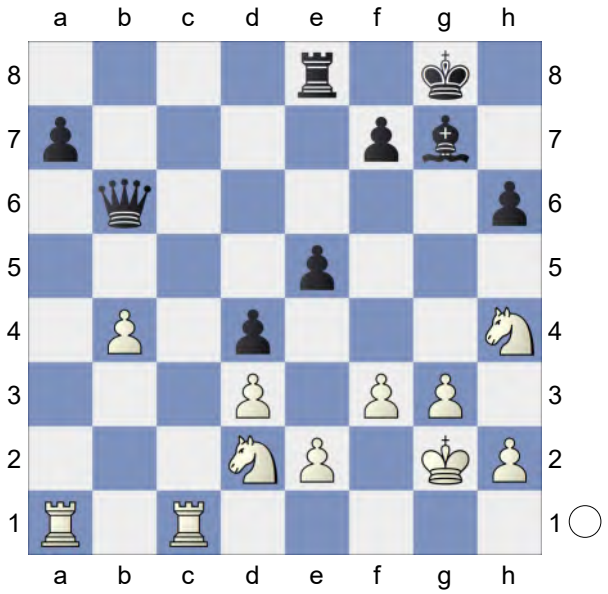
[10.a4!± 0.90/20]

10...b5!± 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2! Nb3

(Diagram)



15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 0.59/26
[16...Nd6!= 0.25/23]
17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Qb8 21.b4 Bd5 0.94/24
[21...Nb6± 0.59/19 feels stronger.]
22.Nh4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Hoping for Nf5.
23...Qb7+ 24.f3 Nb6 2.48/24
[24...h5± 1.02/22 is a better defense.]
25.Bxb6 Qxb6
[Not 25...axb6 26.Ne4±]



26.Ne4! Ra8 27.Rc4 1.45/19
[27.Nf5+- 2.70/24 a6 28.g4]
27...Bf8? 3.60/24 This costs Black the game.
[27...a5± 1.45/19 keeps fighting.]
28.Rac1+- Qd8 29.Nf5 White is clearly winning. **29...Rb8 30.Rc7 Rb6 31.Rc8 Qd7 32.g4 Rg6 33.Kf2 a5 34.R1c7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

A09

□	**Bocharov,D**	**2577**
■	**Morozevich,A**	**2711**

37th Nezhmetdinov Rapid (5.1) 30.05.15
[Tony Kosten]

Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A chess writer should not tailor their message to the audience, and instead is sworn to reveal the truth about an opening without sugar-coating, so I sincerely hope that Everyman doesn't one day ask me to write the book ...g5!!: Move by Move, based on Morozevich's games!'
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5
[Here is the accelerated version, which is outright dubious: 1...g5?! 2.Nxg5 e5 3.d4 Be7 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nfd2 d5 6.c4 . I don't believe in Black's compensation, yet in the database I see Black drawing two and winning one from this position, so let it never be said that the wicked of the world never prosper!]
2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5!? Amazing! We've looked at a number of moves here, but this one (the 10th most popular) really surprised me. Black plans both ...Bg7 and ...g4, and although it looks silly, there is more to it than meets the eye

and some very strong players have recently played it with success. Amazing! We've looked at a number of moves here, but this one (the 10th most popular) really surprised me. Black plans both ...Bg7 and ...g4, and although it looks silly, there is more to it than meets the eye and some very strong players have recently played it with success. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Let the carnival begin. This crazy kingside Evans Gambit seems to be placed to the side of Logic's requests! Moro's philosophy has always been: The secret of agitating the mind of orthodoxy is to disrupt routine. I looked up the stats and White scores barely 30% from 141 games after this move! So can it really be as bad as it looks?' Amazing! We've looked at a number of moves here, but this one (the 10th most popular) really surprised me. Black plans both ...Bg7 and ...g4, and although it looks silly, there is more to it than meets the eye and some very strong players have recently played it with success.

[3...f6 is the most common, and critical - see the PGN Archive.]

4.Nxg5?! A novelty, but not a good one! A novelty, but not a good one! Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' '!?' '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'This most natural of moves may actually be a touch inaccurate. What is really incredible is that Stockfish 14 slightly prefers Black after the acceptance!'

[4.Bb2 wins a pawn, Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 (unlike in the main game this doesn't attack b4) 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 *(7.Ng3?! Nf6 8.e3* Morozov, V (2047)-Leonov, A (2155) Novokuznetsk 2012, 1-0 (43), *0-0* with ...f4 to come.*)* 7...b6 8.Qa4+ c6 9.Nb3 *(9.Nd3* looks funny, but *e4 10.Nf4* is a nice square as there is no black g-pawn to worry about!*)* 9...Ne7 10.e3 0-0 it's not easy for White to finish his development, Iturrizaga Bonelli, E (2653)-Sulskis, S (2544) Tromso 2014, 1/2-1/2 (53). it's not easy for White to finish his development, Iturrizaga Bonelli, E (2653)-Sulskis, S (2544) Tromso 2014, @@(53).]

[4.Qa4+ c6 5.Qb3 *(5.d3?! g4 6.Nfd2* already looks pretty good for Black, Markowski, T (2616) -Navara, D (2702) Wroclaw 2011, 1/2-1/2 (46), already looks pretty good for Black, Markowski, T (2616) -Navara, D (2702) Wroclaw 2011, @@(46), *h5* and ...e5.*; 5.Bb2)* 5...Bg7 *(5...g4? 6.Nxd4* is the point.*)* 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 *(8.Ne6!? Bxe6 9.Qxg7 Ng6 10.h4 h5* leaves the queen trapped, although it is not easy too attack her. leaves the queen trapped, although it is not easy too attack her.*)* 8...Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 with fair compensation for the pawn, Matsenko, S (2485) - Andriasian, Z (2622) Nizhny Tagil 2014, 0-1 (55). with fair compensation for the pawn, Matsenko, S (2485)-Andriasian, Z (2622) Nizhny Tagil 2014, 0-1 (55).]

[4.d3?! g4 5.Nfd2 e5 6.Qb3 a5 7.b5 Nd7 8.e3 Nc5 9.Qc2 Bf5 10.e4 Be6 leaves Black with lots of extra space, Frisk, E (2266)-Shyam, S (2489) Caleta 2015, 0-1 (50). leaves Black with lots of extra space, Frisk, E (2266)-Shyam, S (2489) Caleta 2015, 0-1 (50).]

[4.h3 is possible.]

[Maybe White would be better off

playing 4.g3 g4 5.Nh4 e5 6.Bg2 . I'm not really afraid of Be7 7.d3! Bxh4 *(Black loses a lot of time after 7...Bxb4+ 8.Nd2)* 8.gxh4 Qxh4 9.Qa4+ Nd7 10.Qa5! and I like White's compensation for the pawn, with a lead in development, the initiative, and the bishop pair.]

4...e5 The point, Black forks g5 and b4, regaining his pawn. The point, Black forks g5 and b4, regaining his pawn. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Ah ha! It isn't a real gambit, is it, since Black regains the "sacrificed" pawn with a double attack on g5 and b4.' **5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5** -0.12/20 Almost all Black's other sensible moves were equally playable here. Almost all Black's other sensible moves were equally playable here. Cyrus Lakdawala: '!?' '!?' '!?' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'It's risky to hand White the dark-squared bishop, in exchange for some time.' Almost all Black's other sensible moves were equally playable here.

[After 6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 b6! I like Black's position.]

[6...Bxd2+∓ -0.48/25 was preferrable. 7.Qxd2 f6]

7.Bxb4= Nc6 Active counter play!

8.Ba3N The position is equal.

[In a later game GM Bocharov tried 8.Bd2 Qe7 0.12/21 *(⌓8...Qg6* -0.20/21 *)* 9.g3= e4 0.46/25 *(9...h5=* 0.06/21 *)* 10.dxe4 0.02/18 *(10.Qb3!±* 0.46/25 deserves consideration.*)* 10...Qxe4= 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3! Nf6 13.Bg2 -0.10/21 *(13.Qa3* 0.23/18 should be considered.*)* 13...Nd7= next ...Nc5 is good for Black. 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5?! -1.48/22 *(16.e4!* looks about even; White should play *16.e4!=* 0.07/21 *Be6 17.Bh6)* 16...Qxg5∓ 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 -1.78/22 *(18.Rf2∓* -1.44/22 *Bd7 19.Qa3)* 18...Qe5 -0.94/22 *(18...Bd7-+* -1.78/22 *19.f4 0-0-0)* 19.Qxe5+∓ Nxe5 20.Nd2 0-0-0! , when Black stood better and went on to win, D.Bocharov-A. Pridorozhni, Taganrog (rapid) 2018. 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 Nd7 23.Nb3 c5 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 26.Kg1 Re3 27.a4 Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 Be4 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3 34.g5 Rxc4 35.Ra2 Rb4 Chemin,V (2583)-Etmans,M (2571) Almaty 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (38)]

8...h5!? Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Moro anticipates g2-g3 and plans to meet it with ...h5-h4.'. With the idea ...h4. **9.Nd2** -0.53/20 White should consider stopping the advancing h-pawn, White should consider stopping the advancing h-pawn, Cyrus Lakdawala: '?!' '?!' '?!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'After this White has trouble developing his light-squared bishop.' White should consider stopping the advancing h-pawn,

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Better choices are' 9.h4 Qg6! 10.Nd2 is sounder, at least then g3 and Bg2 is possible. is sounder, at least then g3 and Bg2 is possible. Against e4]

[or 9.g3 (anyway) h4 10.Bg2! .]

[9.g3= -0.02/22]

9...h4!∓ Now it will be quite difficult for White to develop his kingside, g3 and e3 are both bad. Now it will be quite difficult for White to develop his kingside, g3 and e3 are both bad. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Now g2-g3 is highly unappetizing and e2-e3 can't be played. So how does White complete development of his kingside?' Now it will

be quite difficult for White to develop his kingside, g3 and e3 are both bad. **10.Rb1** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The evaluation keeps moving in Black's favour, but what else is there?' **10...b6!** Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!'. Black continues to play with concentration. **11.Qa4** -1.10/21

[⌓11.Nf3 -0.74/22 Qf6 12.g3]

11...Qg6 -0.49/23

[11...Bb7 is fine, but maybe Moro didn't want to decide which diagonal he wanted for his light-squared bishop just yet. is fine, but maybe Moro didn't want to decide which diagonal he wanted for his light-squared bishop just yet. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is more natural.' is fine, but maybe Moro didn't want to decide which diagonal he wanted for his light-squared bishop just yet.]

[11...Bb7∓ -1.10/21]

12.c5 -1.61/20 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?!' '?!' '?!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White attempts to seize the initiative from a position of weakness.'

[Maybe White had to try 12.Rg1 followed by g3 or g4 while he still had the time. followed by g3 or g4 while he still had the time. Cyrus Lakdawala: ', intending g2-g4, is a better try.']

[12.Rg1∓ -0.49/23]

12...Bb7-+ 13.Nc4 -2.23/18

[13.Rc1∓ -1.51/22 was worth a try.]

13...0-0-0 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'It takes brilliant assessment to see that Black isn't just castling into an attack.' **14.cxb6 axb6** Now it is clear that Black is better, he has more space and is almost completely developed. Now it is clear that Black is better, he has more space and is almost completely developed. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'At this point Stockfish has White busted. Just look at that inert kingside, where White essentially gives rook and bishop odds.' Now it is clear that Black is better, he has more space and is almost completely developed. **15.Rb5** -2.92/21

[15.Nxb6+ cxb6 16.Rxb6 is not so scary: Kc7 17.Bc5 Rb8 18.g3 hxg3 19.fxg3 Nf6 20.Bg2 Nd7 21.Rb5 Ba8! and Black consolidates.]

[⌓15.Qc2 -2.08/20]

15...e4

[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Black can also just develop with' 15...Nf6 is also simple and good, as natural developing moves often are, e.g. is also simple and good, as natural developing moves often are, e.g. Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: ', since White can hardly grab the e-pawn:' is also simple and good, as natural developing moves often are, e.g. 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Ng4 *(or 17...h3 18.Rg1 hxg2 19.Bxg2 Bxg2)*

A) 18.Rb5 Rhe8 and if. Prevents Be7. 19.h3? -7.37/21 then *(⌓19.f3* -4.48/18 *Nxh2 20.Rxh2 Qg3+ 21.Kd2 Qxh2 22.Qd1)* 19...Nxf2!-+ 20.Kxf2 Qg3+ 21.Kg1 Rxe2! forces mate.;

B) 18.Re7 Qf6 19.f3 Qc4 is the strong threat. Ne3 Inhibits Qc4.]

16.Qc2 -3.25/20

[Or 16.dxe4 Qxe4 17.f3 Qe6 18.e4 -3.35/19 *(⌓18.Nxb6+* -2.25/22 *cxb6 19.Rxb6)* 18...dxe3-+ 19.Be2 -4.42/20 *(⌓19.Nxb6+* -2.92/18 *cxb6 20.Rxb6)* 19...Nf6-+ 20.0-0 Nd4 21.Rb2 b5! and wins.]

[⌓16.dxe4 -2.31/20 Qxe4 17.Nd2]

16...Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6 A total disaster for White, he is still far from finishing his kingside development while Black is preparing the decisive attack. A total disaster for White, he is still far from finishing his kingside development while Black is preparing the decisive attack. And now ...d3! would win.

[And not 18...Qf5 19.f3 Ng3 20.Qxf5+ *(20.e4? dxe3 21.Qxf5+ Nxf5-+)* 20...Nxf5 21.Bc1∓]

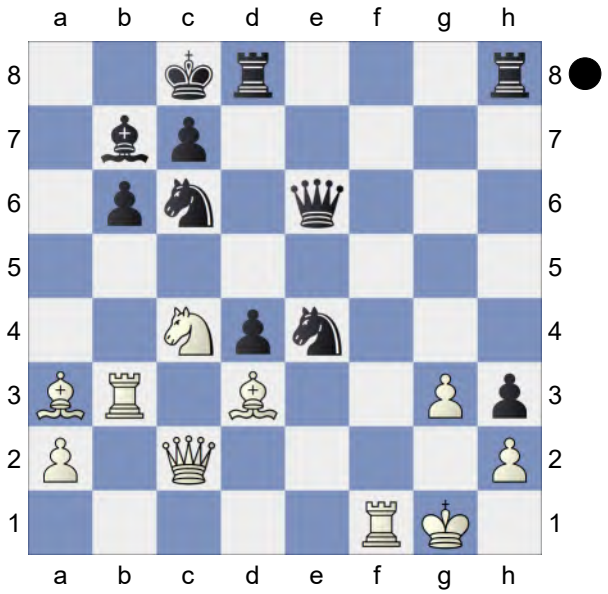
19.f3 Nc3 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'This is not a pretty picture for White, who is still playing a rook and a bishop down.' **20.e4** A nice try, at least now the f1-bishop can move. A nice try, at least now the f1-bishop can move. Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White's only prayer to attempt to unravel.' **20...f5 21.Bd3 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Moro weakens the light squares around White's king.' **23.g3 Nxe4** Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' **24.0-0**

[24.Bxe4? -6.84/20 24.0-0 -2.88 Cyrus Lakdawala: '??' '??' '??' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'allows' d3 cuts the cord between the queen and bishop. cuts the cord between the queen and bishop. Cyrus Lakdawala: ', winning on the spot.']

[24.Bxe4? d3 25.Qf2 Qxe4+ 26.Kd1 Qxh1+-+]

(Diagram)

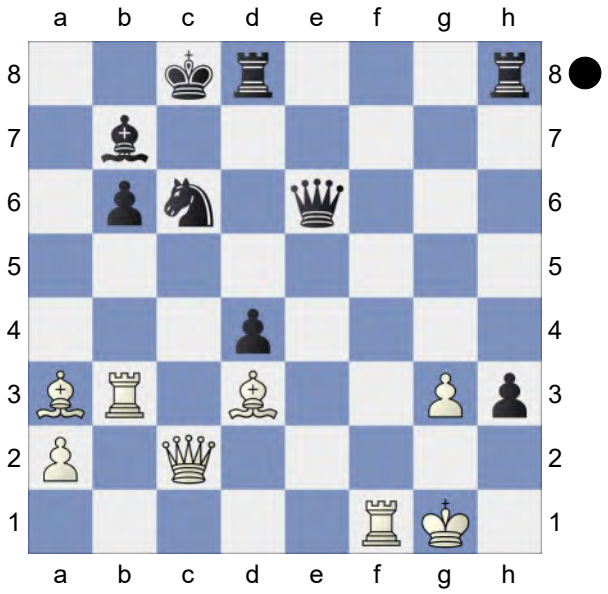
Cyrus Lakdawala: 'EXERCISE (combination alert): How should Black go after White's king?' **24...Nxg3** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'ANSWER: Annihilation of defensive barrier.'. Pair of Knights! **25.Rf3?** -13.76/19



Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White walks away from the offer, as if from a hummus sample at Costco.'

[25.Nxb6+! was the last chance to trick Black,

A) 25...cxb6? 26.hxg3

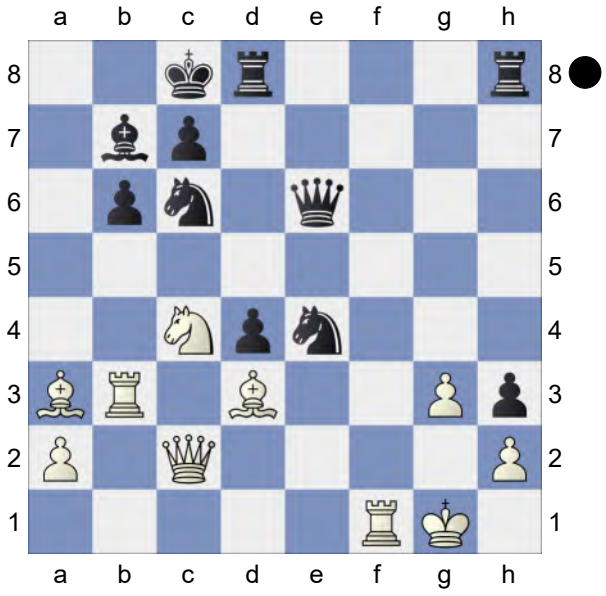


Strongly threatening Bf5. h2+ -1.46/22 *(26...Qd5!-+* -3.19/24 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...h2+. *27.Be4 d3 28.Rxd3 h2+ 29.Kf2 Qf7+ 30.Rf3 Qe8)* 27.Kh1 and there is no discovered check from b7 as the c6-

knight is pinned. and there is no discovered check from b7 as the c6-knight is pinned.;
B) 25...Kb8! 26.Nd7+ Rxd7 27.Rxb7+ Kxb7 28.hxg3 but Black is winning objectively. but Black is winning objectively.]
[If 25.hxg3? -7.14/22 25.Nxb6+ -2.52 then h2+ wins.]
[But not 25.hxg3? h2+ 26.Qxh2 Rxh2-+]
[⌓25.Nxb6+ -3.34/19 Kb8 26.Nd7+ *(26.hxg3? h2+ 27.Qxh2 Rxh2-+)* 26...Rxd7 27.Rxb7+ Kxb7 28.hxg3]
25...Qe1+ 26.Bf1 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'In view of' **26...Nxf1** ...Rg8+ is next. **27.Rxf1 Rdg8+** Black mates. **28.Rg3 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Nb4+** and mate in two. 0-1 (30) Bocharov,D (2577)-Morozevich,A (2711) Kazan 2015 [Tony Kosten].
Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Chemin,V** **2577**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman** **2711**
GER-ch M1593 corr (5) 30.05.2015
[Kitty Kat]

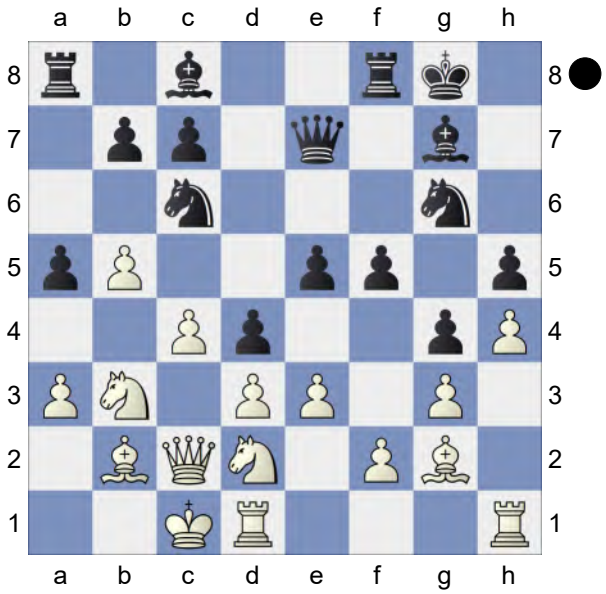
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 -0.12/22
[6...Bxd2+∓ -0.45/23 7.Qxd2 f6]
7.Bxb4= Nc6 Active counter play!
8.Ba3N The position is equal.
[8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2 0-0-0 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 Nd7 Chemin,V (2583)-Etmans,M (2571) Almaty 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (38)]
8...h5 9.Nd2 -0.51/18
[9.g3= -0.09/24]
9...h4!∓ 10.Rb1 -0.77/20
[10.Qa4∓ -0.45/22 is superior.]
10...b6∓ 11.Qa4 -1.10/20
[11.Rg1∓ -0.57/19]
11...Qg6 -0.52/23
[11...Bb7∓ -1.10/20]
12.c5 -1.74/19 Loses the game.
[12.Rg1!∓ -0.52/23]
12...Bb7-+ 13.Nc4 -2.09/18
[⌓13.Rg1 -1.61/24]
13...0-0-0 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb5 e4 16.Qc2 -3.16/20
[16.dxe4 -2.21/17 might work better. Qxe4 17.Bc1]
16...Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6
[18...Qf5 19.f3 Ng3 20.Qxf5+ *(20.e4? dxe3 21.Qxf5+ Nxf5-+)* 20...Nxf5 21.Bc1∓]
19.f3 Nc3 20.e4 f5 21.Bd3 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3 23.g3 Nxe4 24.0-0
[Wrong is 24.Bxe4? d3 25.Qb1 Qxe4+ 26.Kd2 Qxc4-+]



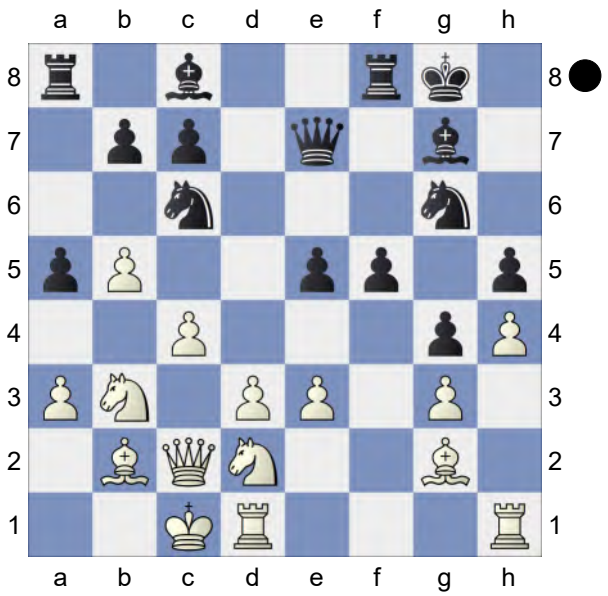
24...Nxg3 Pair of Knights! **25.Rf3?** -9.21/18
[Not 25.hxg3? h2+ 26.Qxh2 Rxh2-+]
[25.Nxb6+ -2.23/16 Kb8 26.Nd7+ *(26.hxg3? h2+ 27.Qxh2 Rxh2-+)* 26...Rxd7 27.Rxb7+ Kxb7 28.hxg3]
25...Qe1+ 26.Bf1 Nxf1 27.Rxf1 Rdg8+ Black mates. **28.Rg3 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Nb4+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Mareco,S** **2653**
■ **Alonso Rosell,A** **2526**
Barcelona Rapid CAT-ARG (9.1)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...h6 5.d3 a6N 0.25/26
[⌓5...e5 -0.12/23]
[5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Anton Guijarro, D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic, Branko] ½-½ (81) Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
6.g3= Nc6 7.a3 Bg7 8.Bg2 The position is equal. **8...e5 9.Nbd2 Nge7 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Bb2** -0.24/20
[⌓11.0-0 0.08/21]
11...Ng6 12.Qc2 f5 13.h4 -0.72/16
[13.b5= 0.00/19 remains equal. Nce7 14.a4]
13...g4∓ 14.Nfd2 h5 15.0-0-0 -0.96/24
[15.b5∓ -0.61/20 Nce7 16.0-0]
15...Qe7 16.e3 a5 17.b5



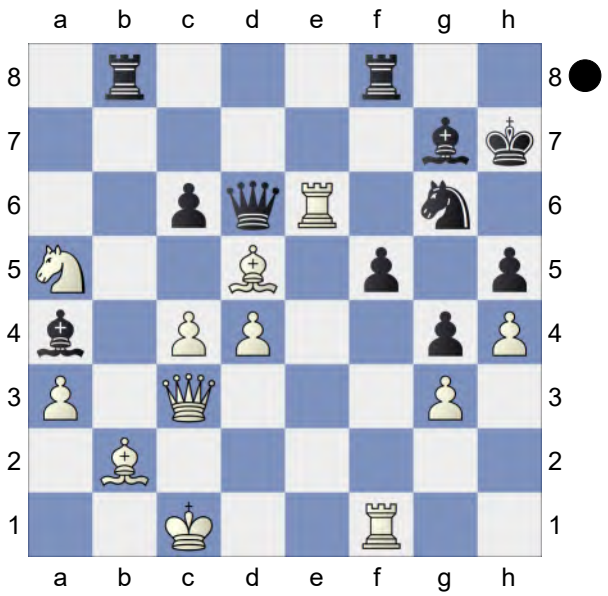
dxe3! 18.fxe3
[18.bxc6?! exd2+ 19.Qxd2 bxc6∓]



18...a4! 19.bxc6 axb3 20.Nxb3 -1.91/19
[20.Qxb3∓ -1.04/17 b6 21.a4]
20...bxc6!-+ 21.Bxc6 Rb8 -1.32/21
[Black should play 21...Rxa3-+ -1.82/20 22.Bxa3 Qxa3+ 23.Qb2 Qa7]
22.Bd5+ -2.06/19
[22.Rhe1∓ -1.32/21]
22...Kh7 Black has strong compensation. **23.Rhf1 Bd7** Strongly threatening ...Ba4. **24.Qc3** -3.29/21
[⌓24.c5 -2.22/21 f4 25.gxf4 exf4 26.exf4]
24...Ba4 25.Na5 Qc5 26.d4 exd4 27.exd4 Qd6 28.Rde1 c6? -0.93/20
[28...c5-+ -2.99/22 has better winning chances. 29.Qd3 Qb6]
29.Re6∓

(Diagram)

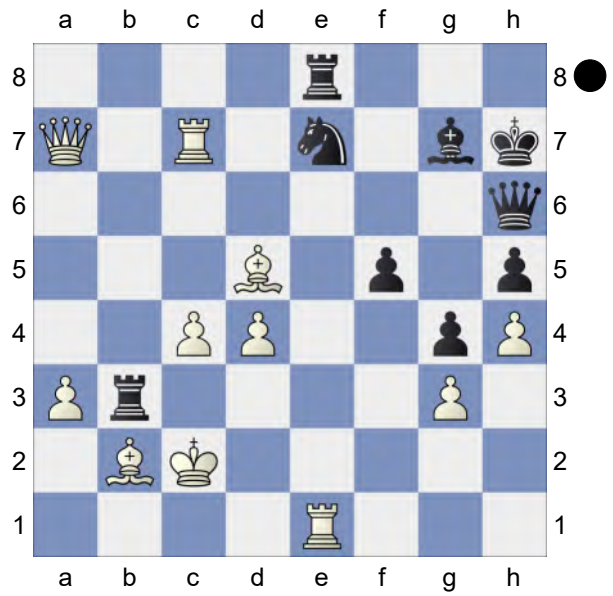
Qd7 -0.70/21
[29...Bh6+!∓ -1.18/25 30.Kb1 Rxb2+ 31.Kxb2 *(31.Qxb2? perishes. Qxg3 32.Nxc6 Qd3+ 33.Ka2 Qxf1-+)* 31...Qb8+ 32.Ka2 cxd5]

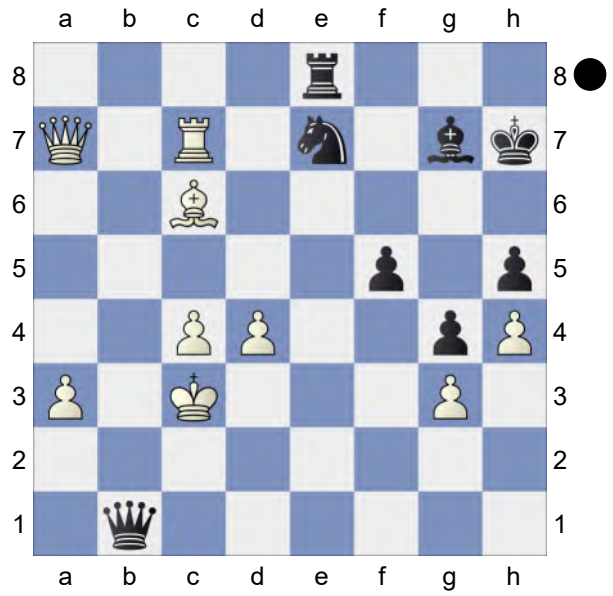


30.Nxc6∓ Rb3 -0.16/24
[30...Bxc6∓ -0.72/25 31.Rxc6 Ne7]
31.Qa5 -0.74/19
[31.Qc2= -0.16/24 was the only way to keep the balance.]
31...Bxc6∓ 32.Rxc6 Hoping for Rc7.
32...Ne7 0.18/25
[32...Qe8!∓ -0.40/24 33.Qe1 Qb8]
33.Rc7 -0.40/19
[33.Qc7!= 0.18/25 Qxc7 34.Rxc7 Nxd5 35.cxd5]
33...Qd6↑ Black has good play. **34.Qa7 Re8** Really sharp! **35.Re1?** -5.03/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[35.Rd1!∓ -0.65/20 Qh6+ 36.Kb1 *(36.Kc2 Qe3∓)* 36...Nxd5 37.cxd5]
35...Qh6+-+ 36.Kc2

(Diagram)

Rxb2+ Deflection, Decoy **37.Kxb2 Qd2+ 38.Kb3 Qxe1 39.Bc6?** -7.25/19
[39.Ka4 -3.85/19]
39...Qb1+
[39...Nxc6? 40.Rxg7+ Kh8 41.Rh7+ Kg8 42.Qg7#]
40.Kc3
(Diagram)





Qc1+ -7.11/22

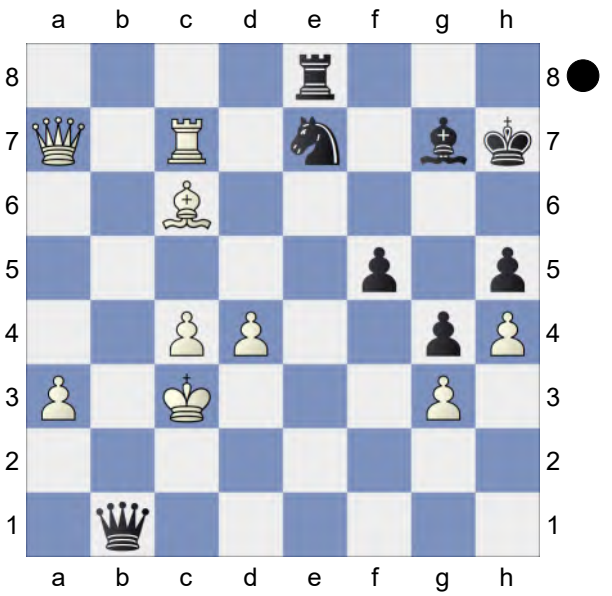
[⌓40...Nd5+! -#11/20 41.cxd5 Re3+ 42.Kc4 Qc2+ 43.Kb4 Rb3+ 44.Ka5 Qc3+ 45.Ka6 Qc4+ 46.Ka5 Rxa3+ 47.Kb6 Rb3+ 48.Ka5 Qc3+ 49.Ka6 Qa1+ 50.Ba4 Qxa4#]

41.Kb3 Qb1+

[41...Nxc6? is a self mate. 42.Rxg7+ Kh8 43.Rh7+ Kg8 44.Qg7#]

42.Kc3

(Diagram)



Nd5+! Black mates. **43.cxd5 Re3+ 44.Kc4 Qc2+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.32

0-1

A09

□ **Schunk,E** **2541**

■ **Castro Salguero,Robert** **2508**

Oslo Int Open 2013 2022

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 h6N 0.95/20

[5...e5!= -0.04/21 6.d3 *(6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 19.Nc6 Rb7 20.Qa3 Qd6* Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)*)* 6...Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4

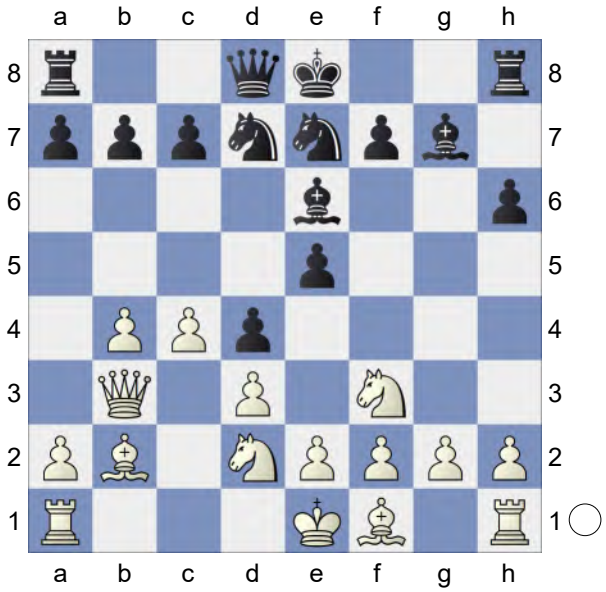
Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 21.Rc1 Rhf8 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39)]

6.Nf3!± &Bianco is more active. **6...e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2** White is better. **8...Be6 9.Bb2** 0.56/20

[Better is 9.g3± 1.28/21]

9...Nd7 0.93/23

[9...b5!± 0.56/20]



10.g3 0.58/20

[10.a4!± 0.93/23]

10...b5!± 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2! Nb3

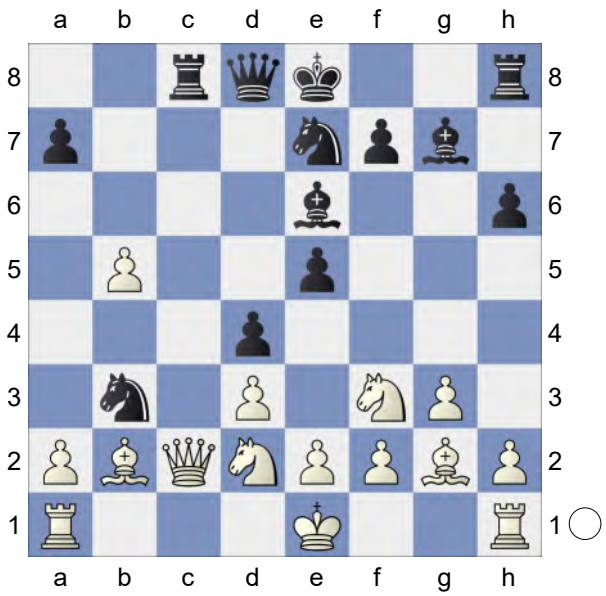
(Diagram)

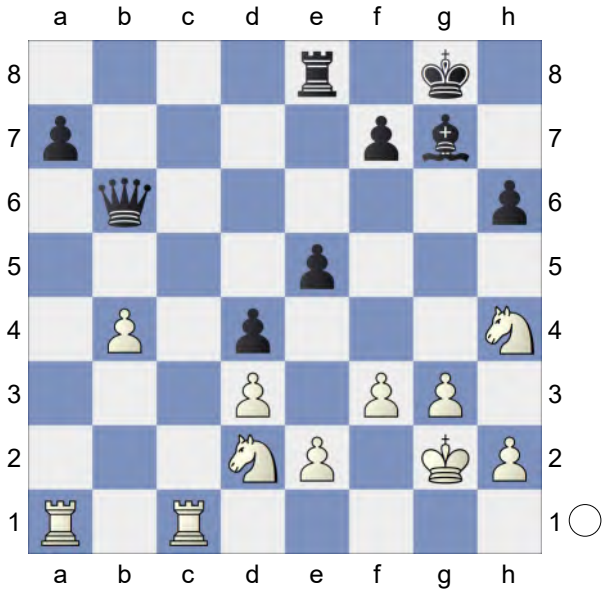
15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1 Qb8 21.b4 Bd5 22.Nh4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Threatens to win with Ne4. **23...Qb7+ 24.f3** Strongly threatening Ne4. **24...Nb6?** 2.40/20

[24...Qd7± 0.76/24]

25.Bxb6 Qxb6

[Less strong is 25...axb6 26.Ne4 Qd7 27.g4±]





26.Ne4 Ra8 27.Rc4 1.53/19

[27.Nf5+- 2.69/24 Rc6! is the strong threat. Qxb4 28.Rcb1]

27...Bf8? 3.67/23 This costs Black the game.

[27...a5± 1.53/19]

28.Rac1+- Qd8 4.99/23

[28...Bxb4 3.28/20 is a better defense. 29.Rc6 Qd8]

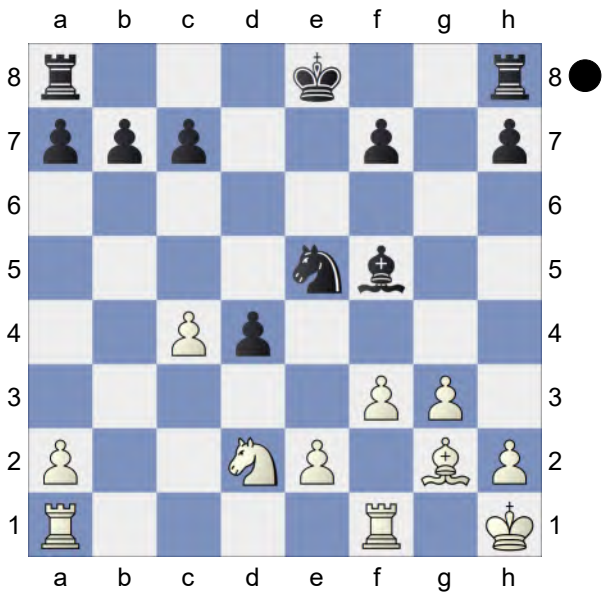
29.Nf5 White is clearly winning. **29...Rb8 30.Rc7 Rb6 31.Rc8 Qd7 32.g4 Rg6 33.Kf2 a5 34.R1c7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

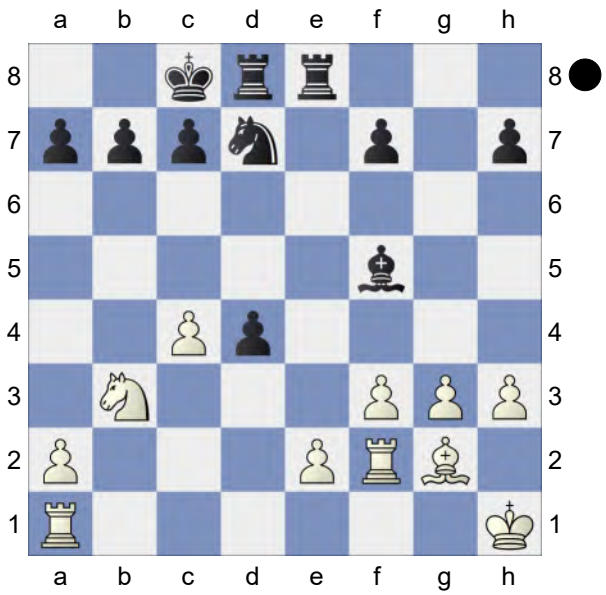
A09

□ **Bocharov,D** **2583**
■ **Pridorozhni,A** **2571**
Vladimir Dvorkovich Rapid (7.2) 14.1.18
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 -0.08/22
[6...Bxd2+∓ -0.46/25 might be stronger. 7.Qxd2 f6]
7.Bxb4= Nc6 Active counter play!
8.Bd2N The position is equal.
[8.Ba3 h5 9.Nd2 h4 10.Rb1 b6 11.Qa4 Qg6 12.c5 Bb7 13.Nc4 0-0-0 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb5 e4 16.Qc2 Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6 19.f3 Nc3 20.e4 f5 21.Bd3 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3 Chemin,V (2577)-Sethuraman,S (2711) GER corr 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Suetin,A; Neven,K] 0-1]
8...Qe7 0.08/25
[8...Qg6 -0.28/21 was preferrable.]
9.g3 e4 Strongly threatening ...Bf5.
10.dxe4 0.04/20
[10.Qb3± 0.38/23]
10...Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3! Nf6↑ Black has good play. **13.Bg2 Nd7** Black wants to play ...Nc5. **14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5** -1.44/23 **Qxg5∓ 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1** -1.93/22
[18.Rf2∓ -1.40/23 Bd7 19.Qb5]
18...Qe5 -0.89/21
[18...Bd7-+ -1.93/22 is more deadly. aiming for ...0-0-0. 19.f4 0-0-0]
19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2
(Diagram)



0-0-0! 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 -1.45/20
[White should try 22.Kg1 -0.96/21]
22...Nd7 -0.91/20
[⌓22...Be6 -1.45/20 23.Rc1 d3]
23.Nb3 -1.68/20
[23.g4∓ -0.91/20 keeps fighting. Bg6 24.f4]

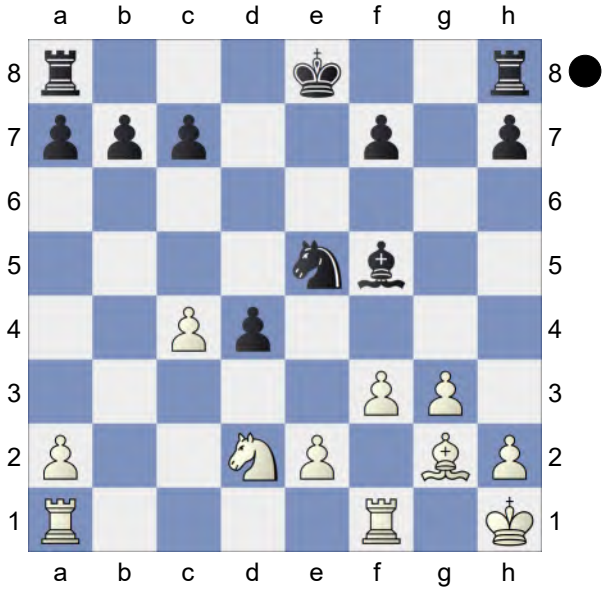


23...c5!-+ 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 -1.10/19
[25...Re3-+ -1.65/22 And now ...Rde8 would win. 26.f4 Bc2]
26.Kg1 -1.82/19

[26.Nf1∓ -1.10/19 was necessary.]
26...Re3 27.a4 Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 -2.67/24
[⌓29.Ne4 -1.70/19 Nxe4 30.fxe4]
29...Be4 30.Nxe4? -3.88/22
[30.Bf3 -2.14/19]
30...Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 Endgame KRR-KRR **32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3** Black is clearly winning. **34.g5 Rxc4 35.Ra2 Rb4 36.Kg2 c4 37.Kf3 Re3+ 38.Kg4 c3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Chemin,V** **2583**
■ **Etmans,M** **2571**
Wch Blitz (Women) (7) 14.01.2018
[Kitty Kat]

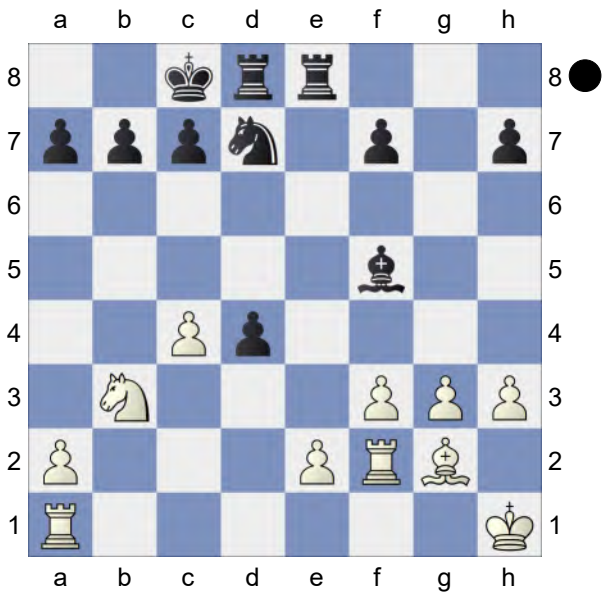
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 Active counter play! **8.Bd2N** The position is equal.
[8.Ba3 h5 9.Nd2 h4 10.Rb1 b6 11.Qa4 Qg6 12.c5 Bb7 13.Nc4 0-0-0 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb5 e4 16.Qc2 Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6 19.f3 Nc3 20.e4 f5 21.Bd3 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3 Chemin,V (2577)-Sethuraman,S (2711) GER corr 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Suetin,A; Neven,K] 0-1]
8...Qe7 0.12/22
[⌓8...Qg6 -0.20/23]
9.g3= **e4** White must now prevent ... exd3. **10.dxe4** -0.04/21
[10.Qb3!± 0.41/22]
10...Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3! Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 White should prevent ... Nc5. **14.0-0 Nc5↑** Black has the initiative. **15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5** -1.41/25 **Qxg5∓ 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5** -0.94/23
[18...Bd7-+ -1.74/21 aiming for ... 0-0-0. 19.f4 0-0-0]
19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2



0-0-0! 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 -1.53/21
[⌓22.Kg1 -0.94/22]
22...Nd7 -0.84/20
[⌓22...Be6 -1.53/21 23.Rc1 d3]
23.Nb3 -1.77/20
[23.g4∓ -0.84/20 was necessary. Bg6 24.f4]

(Diagram)

23...c5!-+ 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 -1.04/20
[Better is 25...f5 -1.45/22 Threatens to win with ...f4. 26.f4 Re3]
26.Kg1 -1.74/18
[26.Nf1∓ -1.04/20]
26...Re3 27.a4 Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 And now f5 would win. **29...Be4 30.Nxe4** -3.74/22
[⌓30.Bf3 -2.42/19]

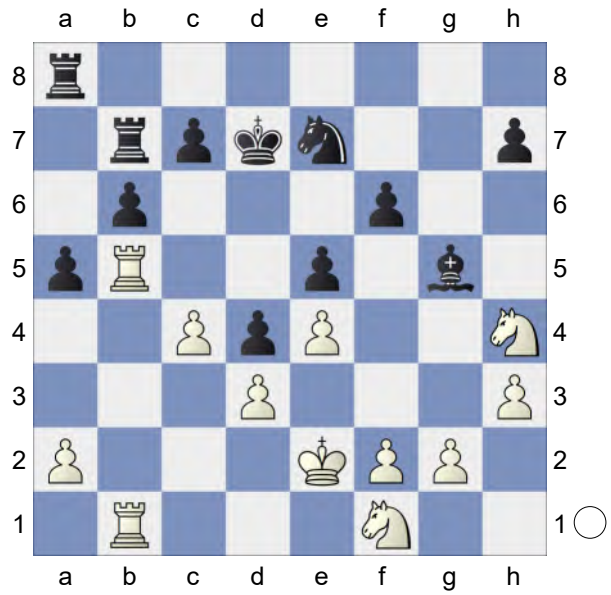


30...Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 Endgame KRR-KRR **32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3** Black is clearly winning. **34.g5 Rxc4 35.Ra2 Rb4 36.Kg2 c4 37.Kf3 Re3+ 38.Kg4 c3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

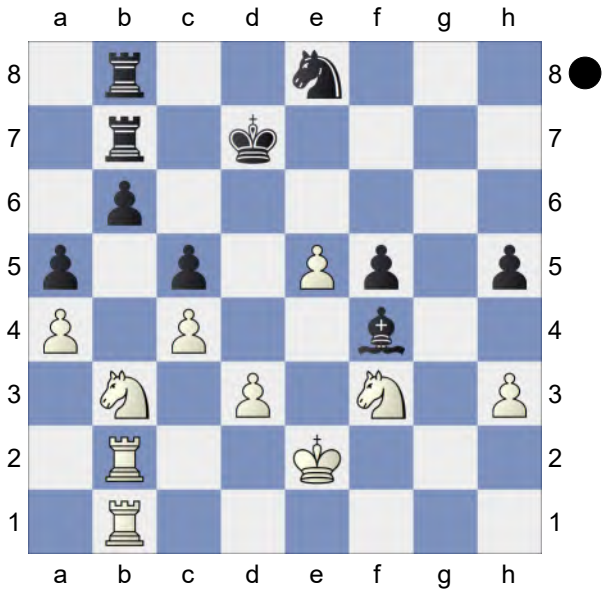
A09
□ **Pantsulaia,L** **2597**
■ **Khusnutdinov,R** **2441**
World Rapid 2022 (11.61) 28.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Qg3N
[6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 19.Nf4 Bxc3 20.dxc3 d2 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
[6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39) 21.Rc1 Rhf8 22.Rc4 Be5 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1 Nf4 25.Rh1 Nxh3 26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2 Re1 28.Rf3 Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+ 31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ 34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6 Rc1 Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)]
6...Qe7 Prevents Ne6. **7.d3 f6 8.Nf3** The position is equal. **8...Qxb4+ 9.Nbd2! Qe7 10.e4 Nc6 11.Be2! Qf7 12.Nh4! Nge7 13.Bg4** -0.17/23
[13.f4± 0.31/20]
13...Bxg4= 14.Qxg4 Bh6 15.Rb1 b6 0.36/22
[15...Rg8= -0.05/24 16.Qh3 b6]
16.Ba3 -0.08/23
[16.0-0!± 0.36/22]
16...Rg8 17.Qh3 -0.53/26
[17.Qd1= -0.08/23]
17...Qh5 0.00/26
[17...Bxd2+∓ -0.53/26 18.Kxd2 Ng6]
18.Ndf3 Qg4 19.Qxg4 Rxg4 20.h3 Rg8 21.Nh2 a5 0.06/21
[⌓21...Bg5 -0.30/22 22.N4f3 Bh6]
22.Bxe7 Nxe7 23.Ke2 Kd7 24.Rb5 -0.41/21
[24.Nf5= 0.10/21 Nxf5 25.exf5]
24...Rgb8 0.20/21
[24...Ke6∓ -0.41/21]
25.Rhb1 Rb7 0.60/21
[25...Rg8= 0.10/21]
26.Nf1 -0.21/23
[Better is 26.Ng4± 0.60/21 Bg7 27.f4]

26...Bg5? 1.36/28
[Black should try 26...Rab8= -0.21/23]



27.Nf3 0.00/23
[27.Nf5!± 1.36/28]
27...Bf4 28.g3 -0.12/22
[28.Nh4 0.20/22 deserves consideration.]
28...Bh6 29.N3h2 -0.37/19
[29.N1h2= -0.03/24]
29...Nc8 0.44/20
[29...Nc6∓ -0.37/19 30.R5b2 Rbb8]
30.Ng4 -0.03/23
[30.f4± 0.44/20 should be considered.]
30...Bg7 31.Nd2 Nd6 32.R5b2 Rab8 0.36/23
[32...Rba7= 0.00/22]
33.a4± c6 34.f4 h5 0.59/22
[34...b5= 0.23/22]
35.Nh2 f5 1.91/24
[35...Nf7± 0.65/22]
36.Nhf3 1.15/18
[36.c5+- 1.91/24 bxc5 37.Rxb7+ Nxb7 38.Nhf3]
36...exf4 2.63/23
[36...fxe4± 1.15/18 37.Nxe5+ Kc7]
37.e5+-
[Worse is 37.gxf4 fxe4 38.Ne5+ Kc7=]
37...Ne8? 3.95/21
[37...fxg3 2.27/19 38.exd6 Kxd6]
38.gxf4 Bh6 39.Nxd4 Bxf4 40.N2f3
[40.Nxf5 Bxe5 41.d4 Bf4±]
40...c5 41.Nb3
[Not 41.Nxf5 Ke6±]



And now Nxc5+! would win. Pair of Knights! **41...Kc6** 3.81/19
[41...Rc7 1.75/22 42.Rg1 Rbc8]
42.d4 cxd4 43.Nbxd4+ White is clearly winning. **43...Kd7 44.c5 Rc7 45.Rxb6 Rbc8 46.Ne6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

A09
□ **Movahed,Sina** **2450**
■ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2511**
Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Dec Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...Bd7N

[4...c6 5.Qb3 *(5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 Bg7 7.g3 h5 8.h4 b5 9.cxb5 Qd5 10.Rg1 cxb5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.a4 Nf6 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Ndc4 0-0 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bg2 Nd5 18.Qb3 Nc6 19.b5 Ne5* Markowski,T (2616)-Navara,D (2702) Wroclaw 2011 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (48) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 Section-N,N [Neustroev,Viktor] 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Ludwig,W (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]

5.b5 Bg7 6.Nxg5 -0.21/22

[⌓6.g3 0.30/21]

6...e5!= 7.Ne4 Nf6 0.02/25

[7...f5!∓ -0.34/25 was preferrable. 8.Nc5 b6 9.Nxd7 Nxd7]

8.Nxf6+ The position is equal. **8...Qxf6 9.g3 c6** 0.89/21

[9...0-0= 0.00/24]

10.Bg2± 0-0

(Diagram)

11.0-0 0.74/22

[⌓11.d3! 1.19/23]

11...a6 1.07/22

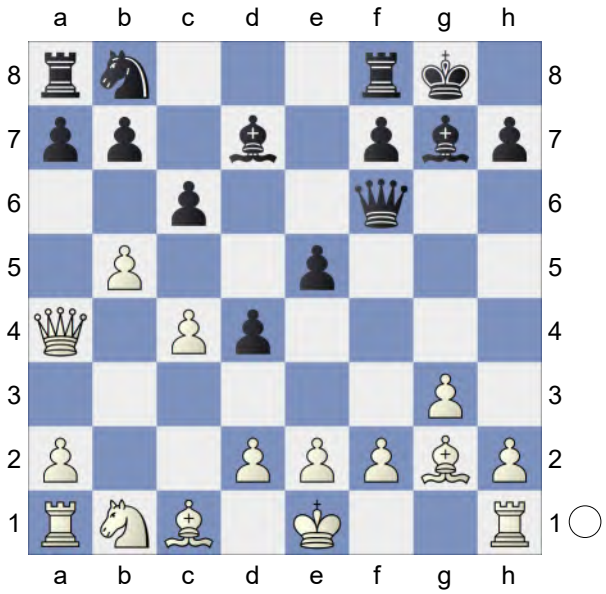
[⌓11...cxb5 0.74/22 12.cxb5 Qb6]

12.bxc6 0.61/27

[12.d3± 1.07/22]

12...Nxc6 1.47/21

[Better is 12...Bxc6± 0.61/27 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Qxc6 Nxc6]



13.d3 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Qd1 0.65/22

[15.Qxb5± 1.57/21 Nd2 is the strong threat. Ra5 16.Qb2]

15...Ra5 1.16/23

[15...Qe6± 0.65/22]

16.Nd2 Rfa8 1.53/23

[⌓16...Qe7 1.04/22]

17.Ne4 1.21/24

[⌓17.Qc2 1.53/23]

17...Qe7 1.63/21

[17...Qg6± 1.21/24]

18.Bg5+- f6 19.Bd2 Rxa2 3.93/25 This move loses the game for Black.

[19...b4± 1.49/18 was called for.]

20.Rxa2 Rxa2 21.Qb3+ Be6 22.Qxb5 Nd8 23.Rc1 Nf7 24.Bb4 Qd7 25.Qb8+ Qd8 26.Qb7 Rb2

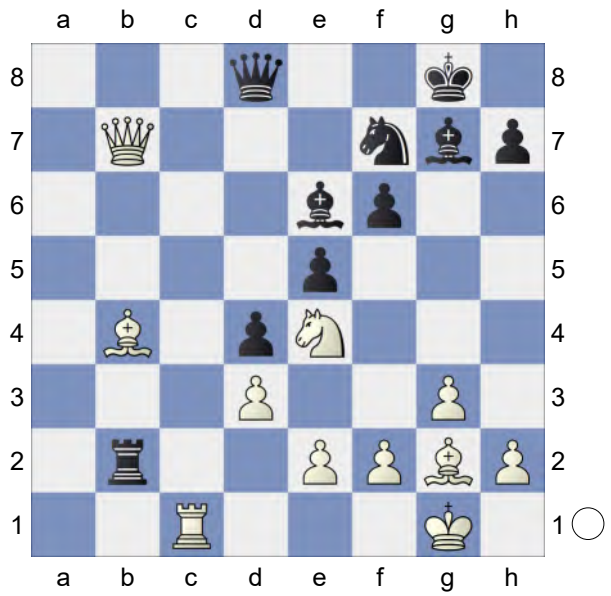
(Diagram)

27.Qa6! Qe8 28.Bd2 Ra2 29.Qb6 Qe7 30.Bb4

[Less strong is 30.Rc7 Ra1+ 31.Rc1 Rxc1+ 32.Bxc1 Bf5+-]

30...Qe8 5.44/21

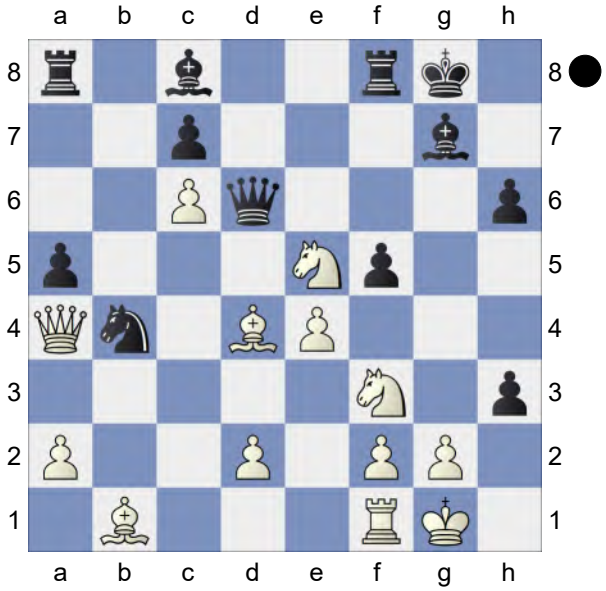
[30...Rb2 3.18/22 was necessary.]



31.Nc5 Bg4 32.Bd5 Rxe2 33.Ne4 Qd8 34.Qxd8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.81
1-0

A09
□ **Bartel,Mat** **2649**
■ **Sengupta,D** **2551**
Najdorf Mem Open A 2016 (9.7) 16.07.16
[Kitty Kat]

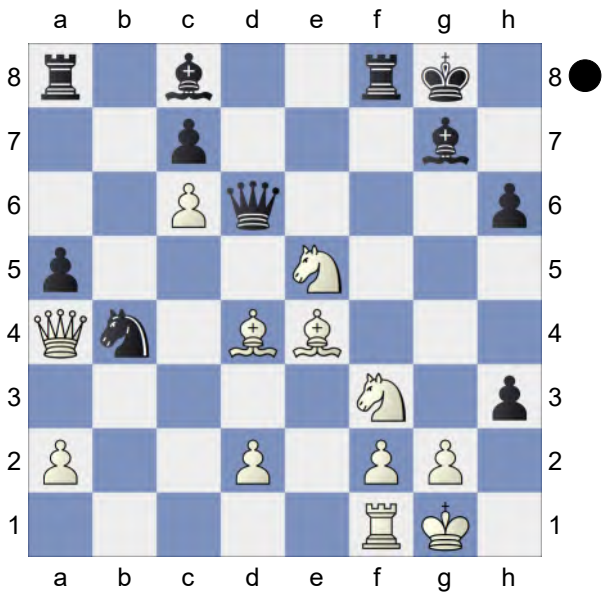
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.Bb2 Bg7! 6.e4 -0.89/21
[6.d3= -0.19/25 remains equal.]
6...e5!∓ 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Black is better. **8...Ng6 9.h4** -1.61/20
[9.Nc4∓ -0.97/21]
9...gxh4-+ 10.Qa4+ -1.90/19
[10.Nc4∓ -1.58/18 was necessary.]
10...Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 15.Bd3N Qf6 -1.40/19
[15...Nf4-+ -1.94/23 16.Bc2 Nxg2+ 17.Kf1 Nf4]
16.Rc5 -2.34/18
[16.Nc4∓ -1.40/19 was called for.]
16...a5 17.Nc4 Na6! 18.Rxe5
[18.Rxa5? Nc5! 19.Qa3 Rxa5 20.Nxa5 Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Nf4-+]
18...Nb4 19.Bb1 h3
[Not 19...Qxc6 20.Qxc6 Nxc6 21.Rc5±]
20.Bxd4 Nxe5
[Don't go for 20...hxg2? 21.Rg1 fxe4 22.Bxe4-+]
21.Ncxe5 Qd6? -0.55/23
[21...hxg2 22.Rg1 fxe4 23.Rxg2 exf3 24.Rg6=]
[21...fxe4-+ -2.09/19 22.Bxe4 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.Qb3+ Kh7]
22.0-0 -1.21/24
[White should play 22.Rxh3∓ -0.55/23 fxe4 23.Rg3 exf3 24.Qb3+ Qe6 25.Qe3]



22...fxe4!∓ 23.Bxe4

(Diagram)

Hoping for Bc5! **23...Rxf3** 0.00/5
24.Nxf3= Threatens to win with Bxg7.
Really sharp! The position is equal.
24...Bxd4 25.Nxd4 Qxd4 26.Qb3+



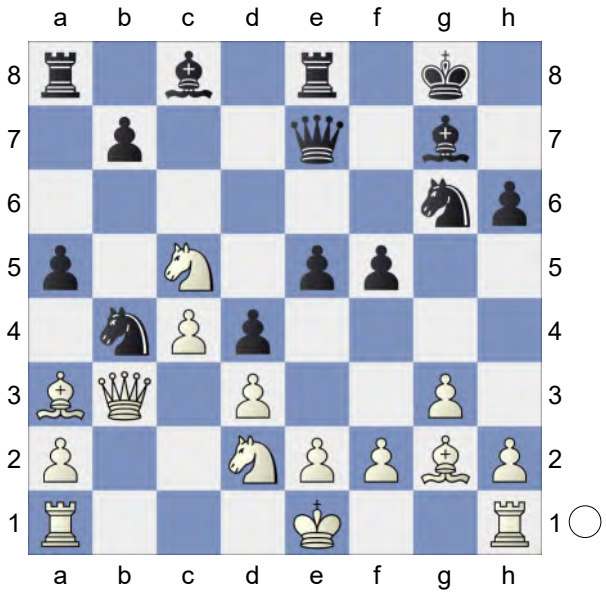
Kh8 27.Qf7! Qxe4 28.Qf8+ Kh7 29.Qf7+ White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

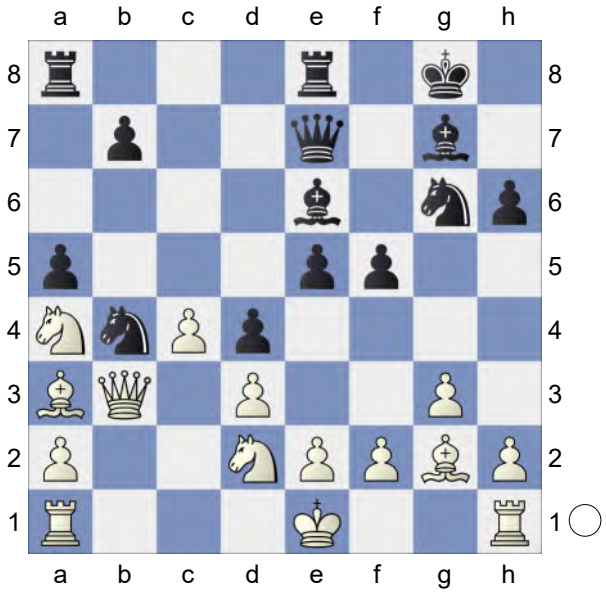
A09
□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2625**
■ **Garcia Blanco,O** **2377**
Titled Tue 5th Mar Early blitz (6) 5.3.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.d3
[6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 19.Nf4 Bxc3 20.dxc3 d2 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
6...Ne7N 1.00/22
[6...Bh6∓ -0.35/20 7.f4 a5 *(7...exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 21.Rc1 Rhf8 22.Rc4* Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39) *Be5 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.Rf1 Nf4 25.Rh1 Nxh3 26.Rxh3 Rf1+ 27.Kc2 Re1 28.Rf3 Rxe2+ 29.Kb3 Rd2 30.Bxd4 Rxd3+ 31.Bc3 e2 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Re4 Rxc3+ 34.Kb4 a5+ 35.bxa6 Rc1 36.Rxe2 Bd4 37.Re8+* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39) *)*]
7.g3 a5 8.b5 White is better. **8...h6 9.Nf3 c5 10.bxc6 Nbxc6 11.Bg2** 0.89/24
[White should play 11.Na3 1.31/18]
11...0-0 1.40/23
[⌓11...a4 0.89/24 12.Qa3 Ng8]
12.Nbd2± Ng6 1.87/23
[12...Be6± 1.36/22 was called for. 13.Ba3 *(13.Qxb7? Rb8-+)* 13...Nb4]
13.Ba3 Re8 14.Ne4 0.90/20
[14.0-0+- 1.70/20]
14...Nb4 1.74/24
[14...f5± 0.90/20 is a better defense.]
15.Nfd2 f5 16.Nc5 0.37/21
[16.Bxb4+- 1.71/24 Ba3 is the strong threat. axb4 17.Nd6! *(17.Nc5 e4=)* 17...Qxd6 18.c5+ Be6 19.cxd6 Bxb3 20.Nxb3]
16...Qe7 1.72/21
[Better is 16...e4!± 0.37/21]

(Diagram)

17.Na4 0.95/19
[17.Qa4!+- 1.72/21]
17...Be6 1.79/19
[17...Ra6± 0.95/19]





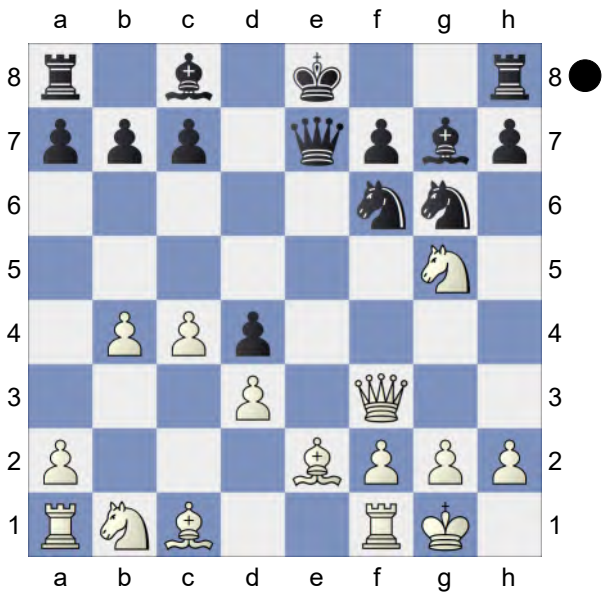
18.Nb6!↑ Keeping Black busy. **18...Ra6** 2.23/22
[18...Rab8 1.72/20 was worth a try. 19.0-0 Qd8]
19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Bxd5+ Kh7 21.0-0 Bf8 22.Bg2 Rb8 2.48/19
[22...Re6 1.99/21 might work better. 23.Qa4 b6]
23.c5 Qxc5 24.Qf7+ Bg7 25.Qxf5
[Not 25.Bxb7 Rf6 26.Qc4 Qxc4 27.Nxc4 Rxb7∓]
25...Rf6 26.Qg4 Hoping for Ne4.
26...Qc3? 6.06/22
[26...Qc8 3.49/18 27.Qh5 Rf5]
27.Bxb4 Qxb4 28.Ne4 Ra6 29.Rac1 White is clearly winning. **29...Qe7 30.Rc2 Rd8 31.Rfc1 Rd7 32.Bh3 Rd8 33.Rc7 Qf8 34.Rxb7 Rb8 35.Qd7 Rxb7 36.Qxb7 Ra8 37.Rc7 Re8 38.Rxg7+ Qxg7 39.Nf6+ Kh8 40.Qxg7+ Kxg7 41.Nxe8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

A09
□ **Ignatiev,B** **2527**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman** **2683**
79/455 New York (3) 27.07.2016
[Kitty Kat]

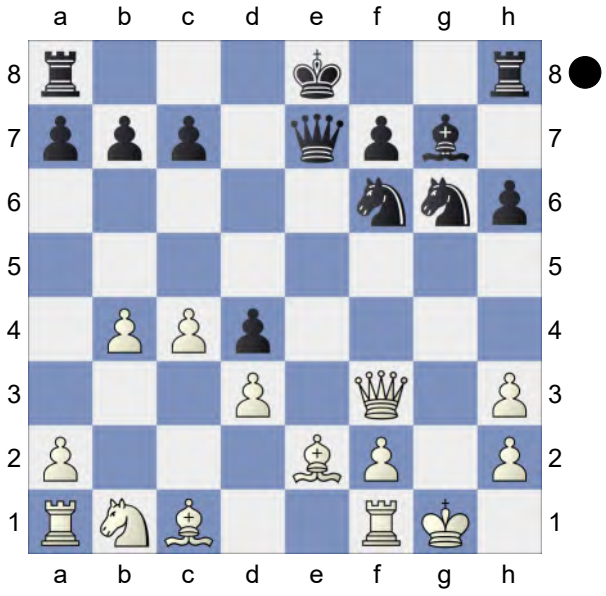
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.e3 e5 5.exd4 exd4 next ...g4 is good for Black.
[5...g4!? 6.Nxe5 *(6.Qa4+? Bd7-+)* 6...Qxd4∓]
6.Qe2+ Ne7! 7.Nxg5 Bg7! And now ... h6 would win. **8.Qh5** -0.78/19
[8.d3!= -0.19/24 keeps the balance.]
8...Ng6∓ ...d3 is the strong threat. Black has strong compensation. **9.d3 Qe7+ 10.Be2 Nd7!** Hoping for ...Nf6.
[Of course not 10...Qxb4+ 11.Nd2±]
[But not 10...h6 11.Ne4=]
11.0-0? -2.65/20
[11.Ne4∓ -0.86/20 might work better.]
11...Nf6-+ 12.Qf3

(Diagram)

h6! 13.Nh3 Bxh3
[13...Qxb4 14.Ba3 Qa5 15.Nf4=]



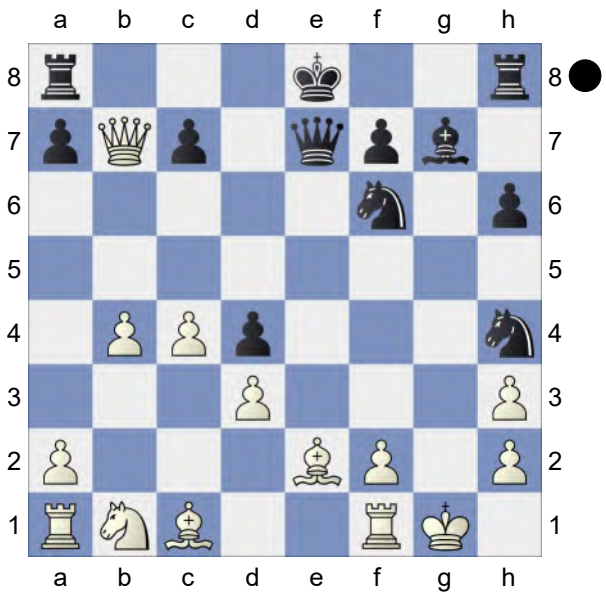
14.gxh3



Nh4! 15.Qxb7

(Diagram)

Qxe2! 16.Qxa8+
[16.Qc6+ Nd7]
16...Kd7 Really sharp! **17.Qh1** -9.91/21
[Worse is 17.Qxa7 Nf3+ 18.Kg2 Nh4+ 19.Kg1 Nf3+ 20.Kg2 Nh4+ 21.Kg1=]
[17.Qb7 -3.07/22 Nf3+ 18.Kg2 Nh4+ 19.Kg1]



17...Nf3+ Pair of Knights! **18.Kg2 Rg8 19.Bf4 Nh5** White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/ Black=0.00 (flawless)
0-1

A09
□ **Hillarp Persson,T** **2527**
■ **Morozevich,A** **2683**
EGC Chess Go Match 2016 rapid (3)
[Imre, Hera]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.e3 White tries to follow the principles and react in the centre. **4...e5 5.exd4**
[5.Nxe5? is met by Bg7 6.f4 *(6.Nd3 dxe3 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.Qxe3+ Nge7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.0-0-0 a5 12.b5 Nb4→)* 6...gxf4
A) 7.exf4 Bxe5 8.Qe2 *(8.fxe5 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qe4+-+)* 8...Nc6 9.fxe5 Qe7-+;
B) 7.Qh5 Nh6 8.exf4 0-0 9.d3 Qe7→ and the white king remains completely exposed.]
5...exd4

[I have also checked the very concrete 5...g4N after which it seems to me that Black can achieve a quite pleasant position by force. 6.Nxe5 Qxd4 7.Nd3 Qxa1 8.Bb2 Qxa2 9.Bxh8 Qxc4 10.Nc3 Bd6 *(10...f6 11.Nc5! Qxb4 12.Qe2+ Kf7 13.Qd3 Qxc5 14.Qxh7+ Ke8 15.Qxg8 Qe7+ 16.Be2 Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Nd5 Na6 19.Nxf6 Bc5⇄)* 11.h3 gxh3 12.Qf3 Ne7 13.Ne5 Qe6 14.Bc4 Qf5 15.Nxf7 Bxb4 16.Ne4□ Qxf3 17.gxf3 Ng6 18.Nf6+ Ke7 19.Bg7 Be6 20.Bxe6 Kxe6∓]

6.Qe2+ Ne7!

[6...Be6?! would run into 7.Qe5]

7.Nxg5

[Hunting for the central pawn with 7.Qe5? would rather generate problems from the long diagonal again. Rg8 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Bg7∓]

7...Bg7 8.Qh5?! The first inaccuracy.

[A more cautious handling with 8.d3 0-0 9.Qd1! was advisable. *(* But not *9.Qc2? Nf5 10.Be2* due to *Ne3! 11.fxe3 Qxg5∓)* 9...b5! The best energetic attempt to open up the position more. *(9...Ng6 10.Be2)* 10.cxb5 a6! 11.bxa6 Rxa6 *(11...Nxa6 12.b5 Nc5 13.Be2 h6 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.0-0 Bxb5 16.Ba3 Na4∓)* 12.Be2 Nd5 13.0-0 Rg6 14.Nf3 Nxb4∓]

8...Ng6 9.d3

[9.Qe2+ is not annoying at all in view of Ne5! 10.f4 Qe7 11.fxe5 Qxg5∓]

9...Qe7+ 10.Be2 Nd7 11.0-0? The final error.

[11.Ne4 is needed to prevent the manoeuvre that happened in the game. 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.Bg5 Qxb4 *(13...Qf7?! 14.Ng3 f4 15.Ne4 Nde5 16.Nbd2* and White is doing fine.*)* 14.Ng3 Nf6 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Qg5 Rf7 17.Bf3 c6 18.Nh5 Bf8 19.Nd2∞ In spite of the more shaky king's position, Black has good prospects thanks to his bishop pair. Anyway, this line would have given much better chances for White as well.]

11...Nf6 From now on the game has been in Black's hands. **12.Qf3 h6 13.Nh3 Bxh3! 14.gxh3 Nh4 15.Qxb7 Qxe2!** True to his style, Morozevich chooses the elegant finish.

[Certainly 15...0-0→ was also good.]

16.Qxa8+ Kd7 17.Qh1

[On 17.Qb7 Black should have planned Rb8!! 18.Qxb8 *(18.Qxa7 Nf3+ 19.Kg2 Rg8 20.Qa4+ c6 21.Qd1 Ne1+! 22.Rxe1 Bf8+ 23.Kh1 Qxf2 24.Qe2 Rg1+ 25.Rxg1 Qxe2-+)* 18...Qf3-+]

17...Nf3+ 18.Kg2 Rg8 19.Bf4 White resigned because after **19...Nh5 20.Bg3 Be5** he faces either ...Nf4 or ...Nh4 mates.

0-1

A09

□ **Budisavljevic,Luka** **2488**
■ **Ghazarian,Kirk** **2475**
St Louis Spring B (9.5) 13.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 Bg7 5.d3 h6! 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2N

[7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 Levitina,I

(2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic, Branko] ½-½ (81) 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal, F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

7...Ne7 8.a4 The position is equal.

8...0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Nfd2 -0.48/24

[10.Nbd2= -0.12/23]

10...Nd7 11.Ba3 -0.65/21

[11.a5 -0.34/22 is superior.]

11...c6!∓ 12.b5 c5 13.Nb3 b6 14.N1d2 Rb8 15.Bb2 f5 16.e3 f4 17.exd4 exd4 Strongly threatening ... Ne5. **18.g4 Ne5 19.Be4** -1.24/23

[White should try 19.Re1∓ -0.44/25]

19...f3 -0.38/20

[19...h5∓ -1.24/23 20.f3 Kf7]

20.Nxf3 Nxf3+ -0.06/20

[20...Nf7!∓ -0.43/23]

21.Bxf3= Ng6 22.Bc1 Be5 White must now prevent ...Bc7. **23.Be4 Nf4** 1.02/22

[23...Qf6= -0.20/20 remains equal.]

24.Bxf4± Bxf4 25.a5 Bc7 26.axb6 axb6 27.f3 h5 28.Qe2 Rf6 1.46/20

[⌓28...Bf4 0.81/22]

29.Qg2 1.00/23 &Bianco is more active.

[29.gxh5 Bxh3 30.Nd2 Bxf1 31.Nxf1 Qd6∓]

[⌓29.Nd2 1.46/20]

29...Qd6 1.41/21

[⌓29...Qf8 1.00/23]

30.Nd2

[30.gxh5 Qf4±]

30...Rbf8 31.Bc6 Threatens to win with Ne4. **31...Rh6 32.Rae1** 1.02/25

[32.Rfe1+- 1.65/21]

32...Kh8 33.Re2 hxg4 1.84/20

[33...Qe7± 1.16/21 might work better.]

34.fxg4+- Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1

[Resist 35.Nxf1?! Kg7±]

35...Rf6+ 2.48/20

[35...Bg8 1.84/23 was worth a try. 36.Rf2 Qe7]

36.Ke1 Hoping for Ne4. **36...Qf4** 3.95/23

[36...Qd8 2.42/21 37.Bd5 Bg8]

37.Kd1 Bg8 38.Kc2 Rf8 3.42/23

[⌓38...Re6 2.35/20 39.Ne4 Rh6]

39.Bd5 Bxg8 is the strong threat.

39...Bh7 40.Be4 Bg8 41.Bf5 Qd6 42.Qh1 Qd8 43.Kb3 Bf4 44.Nf3 Re8

[44...Qa8? 45.h4 Kg7 46.hxg5 Bxg5 47.Ra2+- *(47.Qh5 Bxc4+ 48.Kxc4 Qa4+ 49.Kd5 Qa8+ 50.Ke5 Qb8+ 51.Ke6 Qc8+ 52.Ke5 Qb8+ 53.Ke6 Qc8+ 54.Ke5 Qb8+=)*]

45.Qe1 0.81/24

[45.Ra2+- 2.61/19 and White stays clearly on top. And now h4 would win. Re3 46.Nd2]

45...Re3? 3.93/25

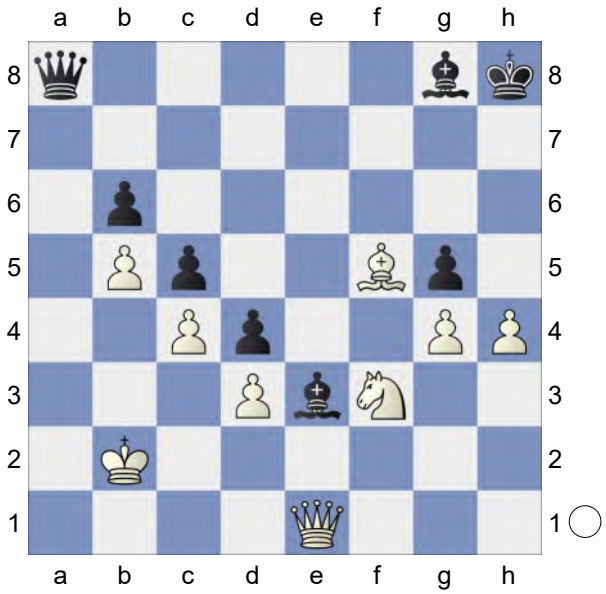
[45...Bf7± 0.81/24 is a better chance.]

46.Rxe3 Bxe3 47.h4! Qe8 5.41/24

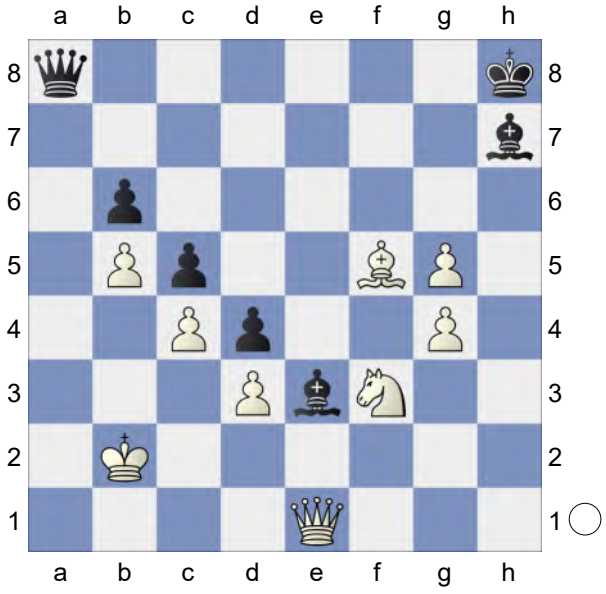
[47...Kg7 3.52/23 is a better defense. 48.hxg5 *(48.Nxg5 Bxg5 49.hxg5 Qxg5±)* 48...Bxg5]

48.Kb2 Qa8 11.39/21

[⌓48...Qe7 4.08/21 49.Qh1 Kg7 50.hxg5 *(50.Nxg5 Bxg5 51.hxg5 Qxg5±)* 50...Bxg5]



49.Qh1?→ 0.57/22 White attacks.
[49.hxg5!+- 11.39/21 White wants to mate with Qh4+. Bh7

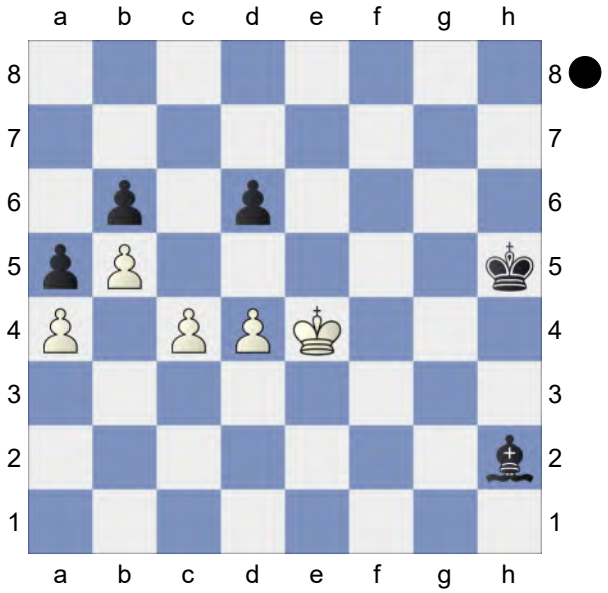


50.Qh4!]
49...Kg7!± 50.hxg5 Bxg5 51.Qh5 The board is on fire. **51...Be7** #27/19
[51...Bc1+± 0.89/17 52.Kxc1 Qxf3]
52.Qg6+ Kf8 53.Ne5 Qg2+ 54.Ka3 Qa8+ 55.Kb3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.68
1-0

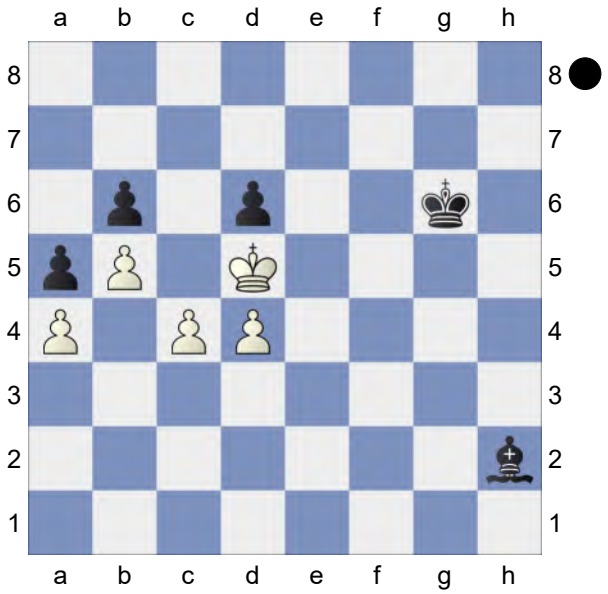
A09
□ **Harshavardhan,G B 2405**
■ **Szpar,Milosz 2477**
Titled Tue 5th Nov Early (10) 05.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.e3
[5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]
5...e5! 6.exd4 -0.87/20
[6.h3∓ -0.56/23 is superior.]
6...exd4∓ And now ...g4 would win.
7.Bd3N -1.78/19
[7.h3∓ -0.84/24]
[7.d3 g4 8.Nfd2 Ne7 9.Be2 h5 10.Nb3 Nf5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Na3 b6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Re1 Nc6 15.Bf1 Nh4 16.Rb1 Ne5 17.Ncxd4 Qg5 18.b5 Rad8 19.Qc1 Qg6 20.Qe3 Rfe8 21.Qg3 Nf5 Yu,R (2332)-Games (2510) Saint Petersburg (zt) 56/(535) 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (36) 22.Nxf5 Qxf5 23.d4 Ng6 24.Rbd1 Be4 25.Qc3 Nf4 26.Bc1 h4 27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.Re3 Bg6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Nc1 g3 31.hxg3 hxg3 32.fxg3 Qg5 33.Ne2 Bh5 34.Qd2 Qf6 35.Re1 Bg4 36.d5 Bf8 Wang,T (2332)-Berczes,D (2510) Budapest 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (36)]
7...g4!-+ 8.Qe2+ -2.23/24
[8.Ng1 -1.80/22 keeps fighting.]
8...Be6 9.Ne5 Qg5 10.Bxd4 Nd7 11.h4 Qf4 -0.24/18

[Black should play 11...gxh3∓ -0.96/22 12.Nf3 Qxg2]
12.Nxd7 -3.67/23
[12.Nxf7!= -0.24/18 Qxd4 13.Qxe6+ Ne7 14.Nxh8 Qxa1 15.Qf7+ *(15.Bxh7 Bxh8 16.Bg6+ Kd8∓)* 15...Kd8 16.0-0]
12...Bxd4
[12...Qxd4? 13.Nc3 Qxd7 14.Bf5-+]
13.Nc5 Bxa1 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qxe6+ Ne7 16.0-0 Bd4 17.Nc3 Qd6
[Wrong is 17...g3? 18.Qxe7+ Kxe7 19.Nd5+ Kd6 20.Nxf4-+]
18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Nb5 Be5 20.Nc7+ Kd7 21.Nxa8 h5
[Don't go for 21...Rxa8? 22.Bxh7 Rh8 23.Be4-+]
22.g3 Rxa8 23.Be4 Rb8 24.a4 b6 25.Kg2 a5 26.b5 -3.69/22
[⌓26.Rb1 -2.62/22 Kc7 27.b5]
26...Rf8 27.f3 gxf3+ 28.Rxf3 Rg8 29.d3 Rg7 30.Kh3 Ng8 31.Bc6+ Ke7 32.Be4 Nf6 33.Bf5 Ng4 34.Bc8 Bd4 35.Rf4 Be5 36.Rf5 Ne3 37.Rf3 Nc2 38.g4 -6.10/25
[⌓38.Kh2 -4.35/21]
38...hxg4+ 39.Bxg4 Nd4 40.Rf1 Nc2 41.Rf3 Nd4 42.Rf1 Rh7 43.h5 Ne6 44.Kh4 Bf6+ 45.Kg3 Be5+ 46.Kh4 Bf6+ 47.Kg3 Rh6 48.Re1 Be5+ 49.Kh4 Nf4 50.Re4 Black must now prevent d4. **50...Kf6?** 0.00/39
[50...Nxd3-+ -3.93/22 51.Kg5 Rh8]
51.d4= Ng6+ 52.Kh3 Nf4+ 53.Kg3? -3.86/30
[53.Kh4= 0.00/20 Ng2+ 54.Kh3 Nf4+ 55.Kh4]
53...Nxh5+? -0.02/28
[53...Ne2+!-+ -3.86/30 54.Kh4 Nxd4]
54.Kf3 Bh2 55.Re6+? -2.82/24
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[White has to play 55.c5!∓ -0.42/20]
55...Kg5-+ Hoping for ...Nf6. **56.Rxh6 Kxh6 57.Bxh5?** -11.21/40
[57.c5 -2.44/21 dxc5 58.dxc5 bxc5 59.Be6]
57...Kxh5 Endgame KB-KP **58.Ke4**



Kg6? 0.00/25
[Black should try 58...Bg1!-+ -14.28/35 59.Kd5 Kg4]
59.Kd5? -20.20/35
[59.c5= 0.00/25 dxc5 60.dxc5]



59...Bg1! 60.c5 dxc5 61.Kc6 Bxd4 Black mates. **62.Kxb6** KB-KPP **62...c4+ 63.Kxa5 c3 64.b6 c2 65.b7 Be5**

66.Ka6 c1Q 67.a5 Qc6+ 68.Ka7 Bd4+ 69.Kb8 Qe8+ 70.Kc7 Qe7+ 71.Kc6 Qc5+ 72.Kd7 Qb5+ 73.Kc8 Qc5+ 74.Kd7 Be5 75.a6 Qb6 76.Kc8 Qc7#
Weighted Error Value: White=1.12/ Black=0.62
0-1

A09
□ **Mirzoev,A** **2416**
■ **Antipov,M2** **2583**
Titled Tue 27th Jun Early blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

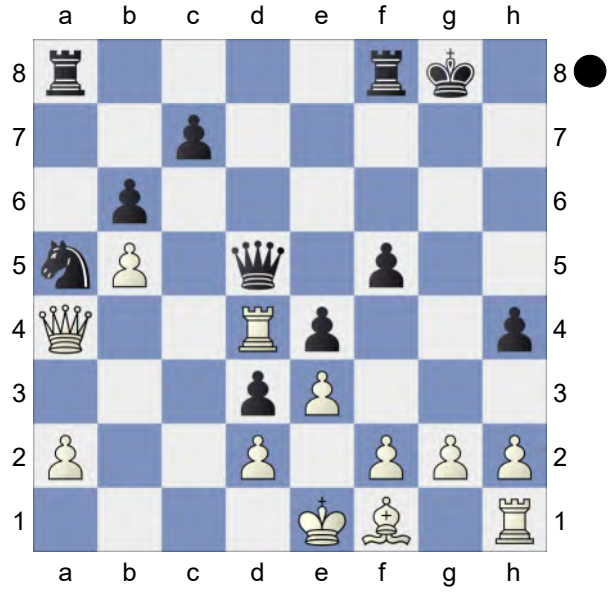
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...e5 5.Ne4 f5 -0.45/21
[5...Bxb4∓ -0.85/19 White must now prevent ...Qe7. 6.a3 Bf8]
6.Ng3N -1.67/19
[6.e3∓ -0.45/21 Bxb4 *(6...h5 7.Nc5 Nc6 8.b5 Bxc5 9.bxc6 b6 10.Bb2 Nf6 11.exd4 exd4 12.d3 Kf7 13.Be2 Qd6 14.Nd2 Qxc6 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.Bc1 Bb4+ 17.Bd2 Bb7 18.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 19.Qd2 Qd6 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.0-0* Chen,R (2128)-Guido,F (2483) Teplice 2016 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (34) *Ng4 22.Qf4 Qxf4 23.Ne6+ Kf6 24.Nxf4 h4 25.Rfe1 Ne5 26.Bf1 Rag8 27.Kh1 h3 28.Nd5+ Bxd5 29.cxd5 hxg2+ 30.Bxg2 Nxd3 31.Re6+ Kf7 32.Rc6 Nxf2+ 33.Kg1 Ng4 34.Rxc7+ Kf6* 0-1 (34) Daverkausen,B (2128)-Bellahcene,B (2483) Goch 2016 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] *)* 7.Qh5+ Kf8 8.Ng5]
6...h5!-+ ...h4 is the strong threat. Black has strong compensation.
[6...Bxb4 7.e4∓]
7.e3 h4 8.Ne2 Black is clearly better.
8...d3 9.Nec3 -1.76/21
[9.Ng1∓ -1.42/20 e4 10.Bb2]
9...Nf6 -1.39/22
[9...Be6-+ -1.76/21 10.Bb2 Nf6]
10.Bb2 e4 -0.68/21 &Nero is more active.
[10...c6∓ -1.50/24 11.Na4 e4]
11.Qb3 -1.67/22
[11.Nd5!∓ -0.68/21 Bg7 12.Nf4 *(12.Be5 Nxd5 13.Bxg7 Nxb4∓)*]
11...Nc6 -0.90/22
[11...Rh6-+ -1.67/22 Threatens to win with ...Nc6. 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 a5]
12.Nd5∓ Bg7 -0.38/20
[12...Rh6∓ -0.95/24 And now ...Nxd5 would win. 13.a3 *(13.Bxf6 Rxf6 14.Nbc3 Rf7=)* 13...Nxd5 14.cxd5 Ne7]
13.Nbc3∓ a5 14.b5 Strongly threatening Nxf6+. **14...a4** -0.04/23
15.Qa3 -0.93/23
[15.Nxa4= -0.04/23 Na5 16.Qb4 *(16.Qc3 0-0±)*]
15...Na5 -0.57/21
[15...Nxd5∓ -0.93/23 16.Nxd5 Ne5]
16.Qxa4 -0.98/21
[16.Nxf6+∓ -0.57/21 deserves consideration. Bxf6 17.Nd5 *(17.Qxa4 Be6∓)* 17...Bxb2 18.Qxb2]
16...b6 -0.32/21
[Better is 16...c6!∓ -0.98/21 17.Nf4 Nh5]
17.Nxf6+ -1.98/24 White is now going downhill.
[White should try 17.f3∓ -0.32/21 0-0

18.Nf4]

17...Bxf6-+ 18.Rb1 Be6 19.Nd5 Bxb2 20.Rxb2 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Qxd5 22.Rb4 Against Nc4 **22...0-0**

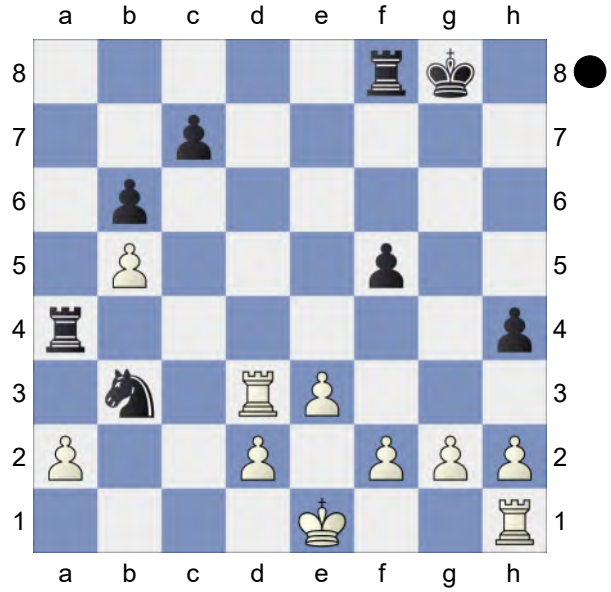
[Weaker is 22...Nc4 23.Qb3 Nxe3 24.fxe3±]

23.Rd4



Qe6 -1.54/20

[23...Nb3!-+ -2.78/24 24.Rxd5 Rxa4 25.Bxd3 exd3 26.Rxd3



Rxa2!]

24.Qd1? -3.51/21

[24.Bxd3∓ -1.54/20 exd3 25.Qd1]

24...c5

[Stronger than 24...Qxa2 25.Bxd3 exd3 26.0-0-+]

25.Ra4 Nc4 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.f3 -8.23/20

[⌓27.a4 -4.46/20 Nb2 28.Qh5 Rxa4 29.f3 *(29.Qg5+? Kf7-+)*]

27...Rxa2 28.fxe4 fxe4 Hoping for ... Qf6. **29.Qh5 Qf6** -11.79/20

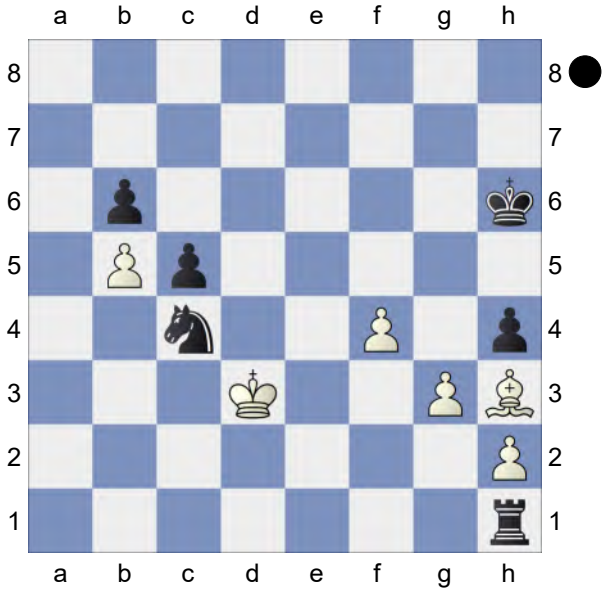
[⌓29...Ra1+ -25.23/21 30.Kf2 Qf6+ 31.Qf3 exf3 32.gxf3 Nxd2 33.Rg1+ Kf8 34.f4 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Nxf1 36.h3 Nh2 37.Kg1 Qb2 38.Kh1 Nf3 39.f5 Qh2#]

30.Qg4+ Kf8 31.Qc8+ Kg7 32.Qg4+ Kh6 (-> ...Ra1+) **33.Qf4+ Qxf4 34.exf4 Rxd2** KRB-KRN **35.g3 Rb2 36.Bh3 e3 37.Kf1 e2+ 38.Kf2 d2** -10.58/25

[⌓38...e1Q+ -#9/23 39.Kxe1 Ne3 40.Bf1 d2+ 41.Kf2 d1Q+ 42.Kxe3 Rb3+ 43.Kf2 Qf3+ 44.Ke1 Rb2 45.gxh4 Qf2+ 46.Kd1 Qd2#]

39.Kxe2 Black is clearly winning.

39...d1Q+ 40.Kxd1 Rb1+ Skewer **41.Kc2 Rxh1 42.Kd3**



Rxh2!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/

Black=0.58
0-1

A09
□ **Markowski,T** **2616**
■ **Navara,D** **2702**
TCh-POL Ekstraliga (2.5) 07.05.2011
[Imre, Hera]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1 **1...d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5** https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '!' '!'This was the first game on the line, which was invented by the Czech super grandmaster. **4.Qa4+** Being one of the biggest experts of Qa4-variations in the Reti, Markowski smartly uses it again to avoid the sharp battle.
[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 e5 7.Nb3 Ne7 8.N1d2 b6 9.a4 0-0 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.Ba3 Nd7 12.Rg1 a5 13.bxa5 bxa5 14.g3 Re8 15.h3 h5 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Bg2 Bxg2 18.Rxg2 Nc6 19.Rh2 Rb8 20.Rh4 f5 21.Kf1 Nf6 22.Kg2 Nb4 23.Qc1 *(23.Bxb4 Rxb4 24.Nxa5 Qa8+)* 23...c6 24.Nc5 e4 25.Ndb3 e3⇄ With a good play for Black. Ofitserian - Tryapishko]
4...c6 The simplest reply.
[The logical 4...Bd7 was played recently by one of my compatriots. 5.Qb3
A) 5...a5 6.Nxd4N I was really interested what would happen if Black took the pawn. *(6.Bb2 axb4 7.Bxd4 f6* This crazy position occurred in Paul - D. Berczes, Philadelphia 2017. White should have proceeded with *8.a3 Nc6 9.Bb2∞)* 6...axb4 7.Qxb4
A1) Clearly weaker is 7...Bg7? 8.Bb2 Na6 9.Qxb7 Nf6 *(9...Rb8?! 10.Qxa6 Rxb2 11.Nb3 Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Qa3 Rc2 14.e3±)* 10.Nc6 Qc8 11.Qxc8+ Rxc8 12.Ne5 *(12.Na7 Ra8 13.Nb5 0-0 14.f3 Rfb8 15.Bc3 c6 16.Nd4 c5 17.Nc2 Nb4 18.Nxb4 cxb4 19.Be5 Ne8⩱)* 12...Ng4 13.Nd3 Bxb2 14.Nxb2 Nb4 15.f3! Nc2+ 16.Kd1 Nge3+ 17.dxe3 Nxa1 18.Nc3 0-0 19.g4 Rb8 20.Kc1 Rb4 21.Bg2 Ra8 *(21...Rfb8? 22.Nd3 Rxc4 23.Kd2+-)* 22.Rd1↑;
A2) 7...b6 8.Qb3 Bg7 9.Bb2 e5 10.Qf3! This intermediate move arrives quite painfully, as it also prepares Nf5. exd4 Black has to sacrifice the exchange to remain active. 11.Qxa8 Ne7 12.Na3 0-0 13.Nc2 Nec6! *(13...c5?!* turns out to be harmless after *14.Qa3 Nbc6 15.e3 Bf5 16.d3 Qd7 17.Be2 Qb7 18.exd4 Ra8 19.Qb3 Na5 20.Qc3 Qxg2 21.0-0-0±)* 14.Qa3 Bf5
A2a) 15.d3 Re8 16.0-0-0 Bf8 *(16...Re5 17.Ba1 Ra5 18.Qb2 Nd7 19.g4!∞)* 17.Qb3 Na5 18.Qb5 c5 19.Ba1 Nbc6 20.Qb2 An extremely messy position. White has big material advantage, but he can hardly move his pieces. Bg7 21.e3 *(21.e4 Bd7 22.Ne3 Nb4 23.a3 Na6 24.Nd5 Ba4∓)* 21...Qd6 22.Be2 Nb4! A little bit surprising move, but it eliminates one of the key defensive pieces. 23.Nxb4 cxb4 24.e4 Be6 25.Kd2 Ra8

26.Ke1 b5! 27.cxb5 Nb7⩱ followed by grabbing the a2-pawn opens new prospects for Black on the queenside.;

A2b) 15.0-0-0 Re8! 16.e3 Bxc2!! Normally no one would give out that attractive bishop, but now it was necessary, since d4 was under multiple pressure. 17.Kxc2 Re5 The beginning of an original manoeuvre. 18.c5! Rxc5+ 19.Kb1 Ra5 20.Qb3 Nd7 From now on the coming moves are more or less forced for both sides. 21.Bc4 Nc5 22.Bxf7+ Kf8 23.Qd5 Qe7 *(23...Qf6? 24.Bh5±)*

A2b1) 24.Bg8? Rb5! 25.Bxh7 *(25.Qxc6? Rxb2+! 26.Kxb2 d3+ 27.Kb1 Qe5-+)* 25...Qf6→;

A2b2) 24.Bh5 Ne5 25.f4 gxf4 26.exf4 *(26.Rhf1? Ned3 27.exd4 Na4∓)* 26...Ned3⩱;

B) 5...Bg7N In my opinion this is safer for Black than the below-mentioned game. 6.Nxg5 e5

B1) It is worth to mention 7.Ne4 as well. Nf6 8.Nc5 *(8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.e4 a5⩱)* 8...Bc6

B1a) The alluring 9.b5 can be answered by Nbd7 10.Ba3 Nxc5 11.Bxc5 Bd7 12.g3 *(12.Qg3? Rg8 13.Qxe5+ Be6 14.d3 a6→)* 12...b6 13.Ba3 c5 14.Bg2 e4⩱;

B1b) 9.d3 a6 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Nce4 Nxe4 12.dxe4 f5 13.b5 yields to a wild position. *(13.exf5 e4↑)*

B1b1) 13...Be8 is possible too.

B1b11) 14.exf5 axb5 15.cxb5+ Bf7 16.Qg3 *(16.Qd3 Nd7 17.Ne4 Qe7)* 16...Nd7 17.e4 dxe3 18.fxe3 Kh8⩱;

B1b12) 14.g3 Nd7 15.exf5 *(15.Bg2 f4)* 15...axb5 16.cxb5+ Bf7⩱;

B1b2) 13...Bxe4!? A brave piece sacrifice based on the lead in the development. 14.f3 Nd7 15.fxe4 fxe4 16.g3 Nc5 17.Qb4 b6 The following sequence of moves are quite forced: 18.Bg2 d3 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Qd4 21.exd3 Qxa1 22.Ke2 Qxa2+ 23.Bb2 axb5 24.Ra1 Qxa1 25.Bxa1 Rxa1 26.cxb5 Ra2+ 27.Ke1 Ra1+=;

B2) 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Ng6 9.h4 f5 10.Nc5 e4!? Intending to prepare ...Be5. 11.Nxb7 *(11.h5 Be5 12.Qb3 Nf4 13.d3 a5 14.g3 Ne6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Nd2 axb4 17.dxe4 d3 18.Bb2 Nc6 19.Bxe5 Nxe5⩱)* 11...Qf6! 12.Qxc7 Na6 13.Qa5 Rb8 14.b5 Rxb7 15.Qxa6 Qxa6 16.bxa6 Rb6 A special situation has arisen. Even though Black is three pawns down and the absence of queens, he can still show up reasonable compensation.

B2a) 17.Na3 0-0 18.Nb5 Ne5 19.a4 Nxc4 20.d3 exd3 *(20...Ne5 21.e3□ Nxd3+*

22.Bxd3 exd3 23.Nxd4 f4⩲) 21.exd3 Re8+ 22.Be2 Rbe6 23.Ra2 Bxb5 24.axb5 Nb6 25.g4□ White vacates the g2-square for his king and by threatening with gxf5 he delays the arrival of the enemy knight still. fxg4 26.Kf1 h5 27.Bg5 Nd5 28.Bd1 Re1+ 29.Kg2 Rxh1 30.Bb3 Ree1 31.Bxd5+ Kh7 32.f4⩱;

B2b) 17.Rh3! Ba4! 18.Na3 0-0 19.c5 *(19.Nb5?! Rc8!↑; 19.d3 Ne5⩲)* 19...Rxa6 20.Rb1 Rc6⩱]

5.d3

[5.Nxg5 e5 6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.Nf3 Ne7 9.Bb2 Nf5 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nb3 Re8 12.0-0-0 *(12.Nbxd4 Bg7; 12.Rc1)* 12...a5 13.Kb1 Bg7 14.c5 Be6⇄]

[5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 14.Na3 Na6 15.Nc2 Ra4 16.g3 Bf5 17.Nd2 0-0=]

[5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e3 e5 7.exd4 e4 8.Ng1 Bxd4 9.Nc3 Bg4 *(9...Nf6 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.Nge2 Be5)* 10.Nge2 Bxe2 11.Bxe2 Nf6 12.0-0-0 Nbd7⩱]

5...g4 6.Nfd2 -0.65/22 A quite awkward placement, the knight obstructs both light pieces from there.

[I can imagine 6.Nh4! was hardly enticing either. e5 7.g3 Na6 8.a3 *(8.Ba3 Qb6 9.c5 Qb5)* 8...Ne7 9.h3 *(9.Bg2 Nc7 10.Nd2 Ng6* Against f4 *11.Nxg6 hxg6)* 9...h5! 10.Bg2 Nc7

A) 11.Bg5?! Ne6! *(11...Bg7)* 12.Bf6 Rh6! 13.Bxe7 *(13.Bxe5? -1.07/22 13.Bxe7 -0.54 f6-+)* 13...Bxe7 14.Nf5 Nc5! 15.bxc5 Bxf5 16.hxg4 Bxg4∓;

B) 11.Nd2 Bg7 12.Nb3 Bf6∓ Prevents Bg5.]

[6.Nh4!= 0.00/22]

6...Bg7 0.08/20

[6...h5! could have been a refined idea to stew 7.g3 with h4!∓]

[6...h5!∓ -0.65/22]

7.g3!= h5 8.h4

[8.h3 -0.34/19 8.h4 0.31could be met by h4! 9.gxh4 Rxh4 10.Rg1 Nf6 11.hxg4! Rxg4 12.Rxg4 Nxg4 13.Nf3! Qd6 14.Nbd2 Nd7 with an equal position.]

8...b5? 0.85/21 A far-fetched attempt. It is White who usually comes on that side, so Black has nothing to do there.

[The conventional 8...f5 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '!?' '!?'should have been preferred. 9.Bg2 Nf6 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Bg5 *(11.0-0 e5 12.b5 Qc7=)* 11...e5 12.N1d2 Qc7⇄]

[8...f5= 0.17/20]

9.cxb5± Qd5 Against Bg2 **10.Rg1** -0.30/21 Reacting automatically, hence missing a nice option.

[It was possible to sacrifice a piece with 10.Ne4!!

A) 10...cxb5 11.Qa3

A1) 11...Nc6 2.08/19 11...Kf8 0.93 12.Bg2! Qd8 13.Bf4± *(13.Nf6+? 0.44/23 13.0-0 1.95 Nxf6 14.Bxc6+ Bd7 15.Bxa8 Qxa8)*;

A2) 11...Bb7± 1.06/23;

A3) 11...f5? 1.67/23 12.Bg2±;

B) 10...f5 11.Bg2 fxe4 12.Bxe4 Qe6 13.bxc6 for three pawns. Na6 14.Bf4 0.79/21 *(⌓14.Qa5 1.15/21 Rb8 15.0-0)* 14...Nf6± 15.Nd2! Nd5 *(15...0-0 1.20/20* 15...Nd5 0.64 *16.Rc1!±)* 16.Qa5! Nxf4 *(16...Naxb4 1.71/21* 16...Nxf4 0.52

17.Rb1+-) 17.gxf4 Rb8 18.Rb1± 0.84/23 *(*White should try *18.b5* 1.29/21 *Nc5 19.a4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4)*]

[White has to play 10.Ne4± 1.06/22]

10...cxb5= 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.a4 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '?!' '?!'

[12.Bg2 Qd7 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.a4 Nf6! 15.Na3 -1.12/22 *(15.Bb2∓* -0.60/23 *)* 15...a6=]

[12.Bg2 Qd7±]

12...Nf6 13.axb5?! -0.74/23

[13.Bg2 was more senseful to gain a tempo and exchange the powerful enemy bishop. Qd7 14.axb5 Bxg2 15.Rxg2 0-0 16.Ra5! Nd5 17.Nc4∞]

[13.Bg2∓ -0.42/26 was preferrable. Qd7 14.axb5]

13...Qxb5∓ 14.Na3 Qd7

[14...Qxb4? 15.Rb1 Qc3 16.Rxb7+-]

15.Ndc4 0-0 16.Bd2 -1.42/21

[⌓16.Bg5 -1.05/21]

16...Rc8 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '∓' '∓' **17.Bg2** -1.43/23

[White should play 17.Qc1 -1.12/24]

17...Nd5!? -0.84/21 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '?!' '?!'Logically intending to reach the c3-square.

[17...Bxg2 18.Rxg2 Nc6∓ was even better, because the rook on g2 is more than misplaced. *(18...Nd5∓)*]

[⌓17...Bxg2 -1.43/23 18.Rxg2 Nd5]

18.Qb3 Nc6 -0.43/20

[Finishing the original idea 18...Nc3 would have made more sense. 19.Bxb7 Qxb7∓]

[Better is 18...Nc3∓ -0.78/26]

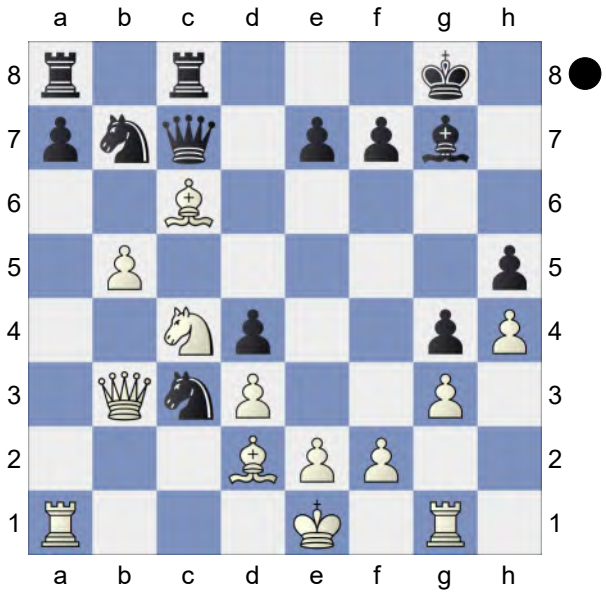
19.b5? -1.28/25 An ambitious continuation, but far from the best.

[19.Nd6! was available to get rid of the central knight. exd6 20.Bxd5 Rab8 -0.23/22 *(20...Ne5∓* -0.54/22 feels stronger.*)* 21.Kf1!= Nxb4 22.Bxb4 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Rxb4 24.Nc4⩲]

[19.Nd6!∓ -0.43/20 exd6 20.Bxd5 *(20.Qxd5 Rab8∓)*]

19...Ne5? -0.51/25 Wrong direction. Normally the knight enjoys to be in the centre, however, in this concrete situation it was essential to overprotect the b7-bishop.

[19...Nd8! 20.Na5 -1.63/22 *(20.Kf1∓* -1.16/20 was called for.*)* 20...Ne3!! -1.24/22 *(20...Nc3* is also fine. *21.Nxb7 Nxb7 22.Bc6 Qc7 23.Nc4*



a6!-+; 20...Nc3-+ -1.63/22 *21.Nxb7 Nxb7)* 21.Bxb7 *(21.Nxb7 Nxg2+)* 21...Nxb7∓]

[19...Nd8!∓ -1.28/25 20.Na5 e6]

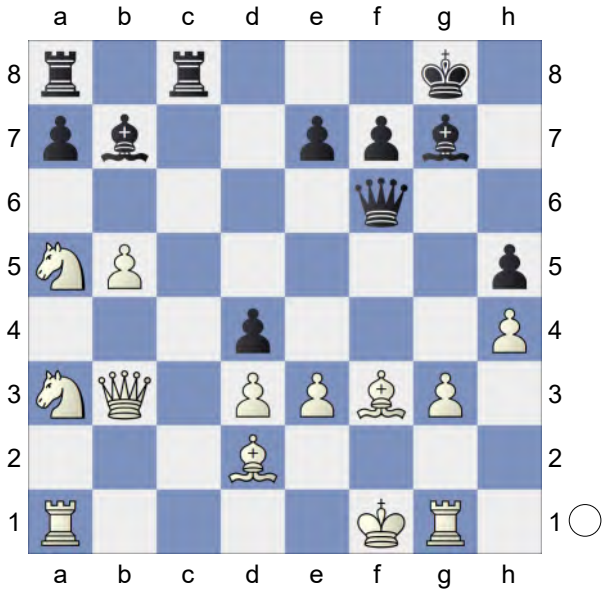
20.Na5!∓

[20.Nxe5 -1.19/23 20.Na5 -0.48 Bxe5∓ 21.Nc4 Bg7]

20...Nf3+? 1.53/21 In the complicated position Navara overestimated his chances. **21.exf3± Qe6+ 22.Kf1 gxf3 23.Bxf3 Ne3+ 24.fxe3?** 0.09/27 The Polish grandmaster spoils the sudden chance.

[24.Bxe3

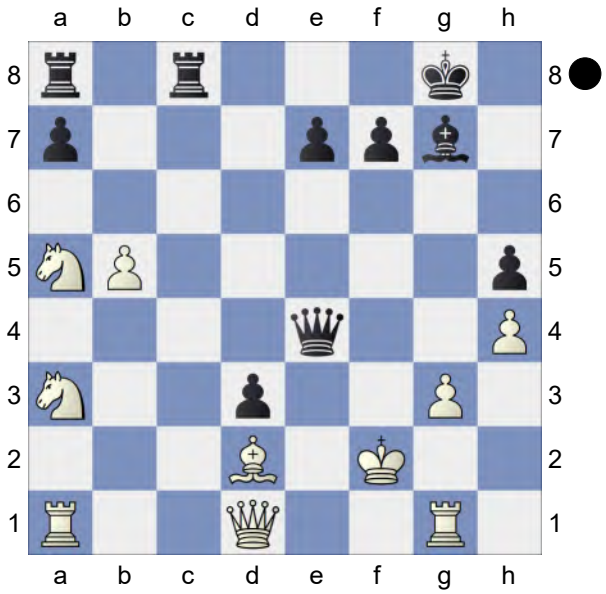
A) 24...Qxb3? 3.39/18 24...Qh3+ 1.80 25.Nxb3 Bxf3 *(25...dxe3* 5.20/24 25...Bxf3 3.25 *26.Bxb7 Bxa1 27.Bxa8)* 26.Bxd4+-;
B) 24...Qh3+ 25.Ke2 Bxf3+ 26.Kxf3 dxe3 27.Kxe3! Bxa1 2.85/22 *(⌓27...Rab8* 2.02/20 *28.N5c4 Bxa1)* 28.Rxa1+- with a decisive material plus. Qf5 Inhibits Qd5. 29.N5c4+- Prevents Qe5+.]
[White must play 24.Bxe3+- 1.76/24 Qh3+ 25.Ke2 Bxf3+ 26.Kxf3 dxe3 27.Kxe3 *(27.Nc6 exf2 28.Kxf2 Rxc6±)*]
24...Qf6⇄



Black has counterplay. The position is equal. **25.e4! Qxf3+ 26.Ke1 Bxe4 27.Qd1!**
[27.dxe4? -2.28/23 27.Qd1 0.00 d3 28.Qd1 Prevents Qe2+. Qxe4+ 29.Kf2

(Diagram)

Qf3 is the strong threat. Bxa1 -0.99/22 *(29...Bd4+!-+* -1.69/24 *30.Kf1 Bxa1)*]
[27.dxe4 d3 28.Qd1 Qxe4+ 29.Kf1

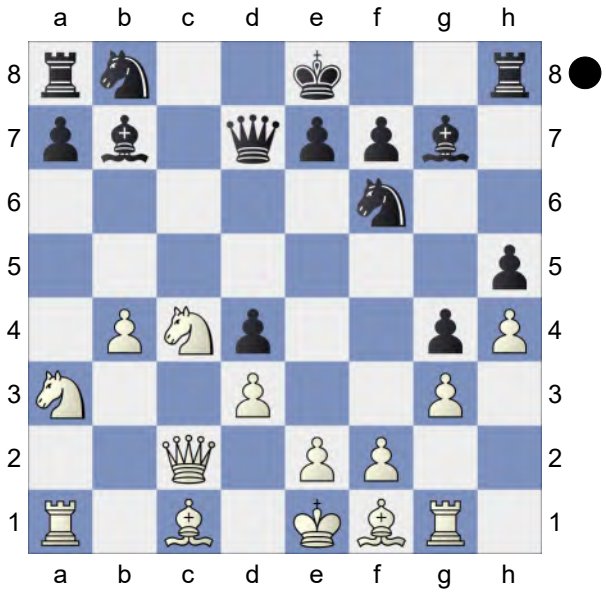


Bxa1∓]
27...Qxd3 28.Qe2 Qxe2+ 29.Kxe2 d3+ Discovered Attack **30.Ke3 Bxa1**
[30...f5!? Threatens to win with ... Bh6+. 31.Rad1 Rc7 32.Rgf1 e5 33.Bb4 Bh6+ 34.Kf2 Rac8 Hoping for ...Rc2+! 35.Nc6 Bxc6 36.bxc6 e4 Strongly threatening ... e3+. 37.Bd2 Inhibits e3+. Rxc6∞]
31.Kxe4 Really sharp! **31...Bc3 32.Kxd3 Bxd2 33.Kxd2 Rc5 34.N5c4 Rd8+ 35.Kc3 Rf5** Black tries to activate both of his rooks. **36.Kb4** https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '?!' '?!' https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: 'Inaccuracy. Best move was Re1.'
[36.Re1 Rf3+ 37.Kb4 Kf8 0.61/26 *(37...e6=* 0.19/22 is more appropriate.*)* 38.Ne5± Rxg3 39.Nac4 Black must now prevent Nc6. Rd4 2.00/25 *(39...f6!±* 0.66/21 *40.Nc6 Rd7)* 40.Ra1 f6 41.Nc6 Rxh4 42.Nxa7 aiming for b6. Rg2+- And now ...Rc2 would win. 43.Rc1 Prevents Rc2.]
36...Rd3 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '?!' '?!'
[36...f6 37.Nc2 Rb8 38.N4a3 Rd8

Against Nd4]
37.g4 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '?!' '?!' https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: 'Inaccuracy. Best move was Re1.'
[37.Re1 e6±]
37...hxg4 38.Rxg4+ Kf8 39.Na5 e5 40.N3c4
[Of course not 40.Nc6 Rf4+ 41.Rxf4 exf4-+]
40...Rf4 41.Rg5
[41.Rxf4 exf4]
41...f6 42.Rg6 Rh3
[Resist 42...Rxh4 43.Rxf6+ Kg7 44.Ra6±]
43.Kc5 Rhxh4 44.Nd6 e4 45.Nac4 Rhg4 46.Rxg4 https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1: '1/2-1/2 The game is a draw.'
46...Rxg4N 47.Ne3 Rg5+ 48.Ndf5 Rg1 ½-½ (48) Markowski,T (2616)-Navara,D (2702) Wroclaw 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1].
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

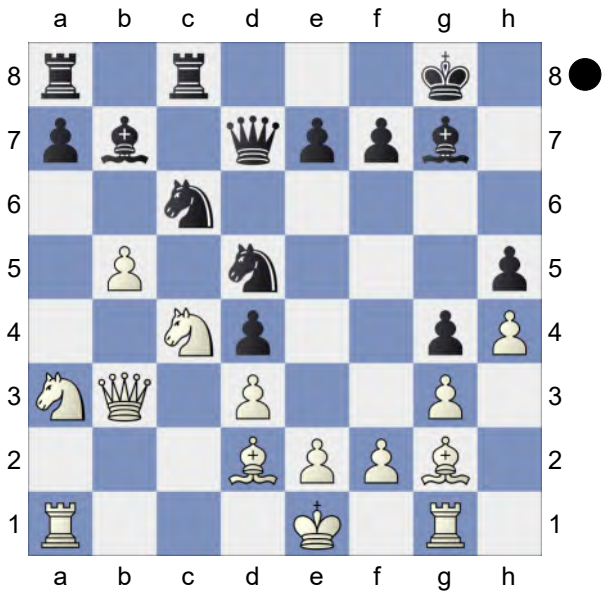
A09
□ **Fedorov,Vassily** **2616**
■ **Ciocaltea,Victor** **2702**
Foros (2.5) 07.05.2011
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...c6 5.d3N
[5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 Section [Neustroev,Viktor]]
5...g4 6.Nfd2 -0.61/19
[6.Nh4!= 0.07/23]
6...Bg7 0.04/21
[6...h5!∓ -0.61/19]
7.g3!= h5 8.h4 b5 0.86/21
[8...Nd7= 0.04/23]
9.cxb5± Qd5 Prevents Bg2. **10.Rg1** -0.31/21
[10.Ne4± 0.60/23]
10...cxb5∓ 11.Qc2 -0.51/22
[11.Qd1= -0.19/24 is more appropriate. Bb7 12.a4 *(12.Bg2 Qd7±)*]
11...Bb7 12.a4
[12.Bg2 Qd7±]
12...Nf6 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Na3 Qd7
[14...Qxb4? 15.Rb1 Qc3 16.Rxb7+-]
15.Ndc4 -1.23/19
[Better is 15.Nb3 -0.80/21 Na6 16.b5]



15...0-0!∓ 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bg2 Nd5 -0.80/20
[Black should try 17...Bxg2 -1.46/21 18.Rxg2 Nd5]
18.Qb3 Nc6 19.b5 -1.03/25

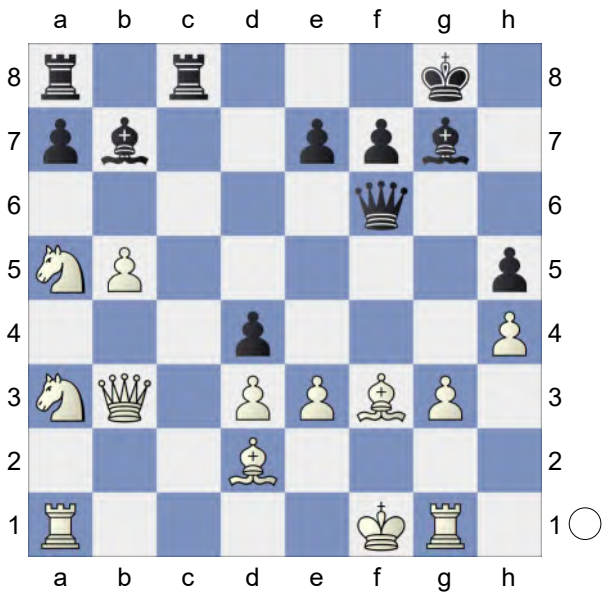
[19.Nd6!∓ -0.56/18 is superior. exd6 20.Bxd5 *(20.Qxd5 Rab8∓)*]



19...Ne5 -0.59/20
[19...Nd8!∓ -1.03/25 Strongly threatening ...Ne6. 20.Na5 e6]
20.Na5!∓ Nf3+? 1.66/20 21.exf3+- Qe6+ 22.Kf1 And now f4 would win. **22...gxf3 23.Bxf3 Ne3+ 24.fxe3?** 0.15/27
[Only move: 24.Bxe3+- 1.80/27 Qh3+ 25.Ke2 Bxf3+ 26.Kxf3 dxe3 27.Kxe3 *(27.Nc6 Bxa1 28.Rxa1 Qf5+ 29.Kxe3 Rxc6±)*]
24...Qf6=

(Diagram)

25.e4! Qxf3+ 26.Ke1 Bxe4 27.Qd1!
[Of course not 27.dxe4 d3 28.Qd1 Qxe4+ 29.Kf1 Bxa1∓]
27...Qxd3 Threatens to win with ...Bf3. **28.Qe2 Qxe2+ 29.Kxe2 d3+** Discovered Attack **30.Ke3 Bxa1 31.Kxe4** The board is on fire. **31...Bc3 32.Kxd3 Bxd2 33.Kxd2 Rc5 34.N5c4 Rd8+ 35.Kc3 Rf5 36.Kb4 Rd3 37.g4 hxg4** The position is equal. **38.Rxg4+**



Kf8 39.Na5 e5 aiming for ...Rf4+. **40.N3c4**
[40.Nc6? Rf4+ 41.Rxf4 exf4∓]
40...Rf4 41.Rg5 f6 42.Rg6 Rh3
[Don't play 42...Rxh4 43.Rxf6+ Kg7 44.Ra6±]
43.Kc5 Rhxh4 44.Nd6 e4 ...e3 is the strong threat. **45.Nac4 Rhg4 46.Rxg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

A09
□ **Arfan,Aditya Bagus** **2407**
■ **Makhnev,Denis** **2516**
21st BCC Open 2024 (7.7) 19.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 The position is equal. **8...Ng6N**
[8...0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5

21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]

9.a4 Nd7 10.Ba3 0-0 11.b5 Re8 12.Nb3 f5 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Nfd2 -1.02/20

[14.a5= -0.07/21]

14...Rb8 -0.70/20

[14...g4!∓ -1.02/20]

15.Qc2 -1.10/22

[15.Nf3∓ -0.70/20]

15...h5 -0.44/18

[Black should play 15...g4∓ -1.10/22]

16.e3!∓ dxe3 -0.08/18

[16...h4∓ -0.41/22 might be stronger. 17.e4 hxg3 18.fxg3 f4]

17.fxe3= h4 18.g4 fxg4 19.Ne4 Threatening d4. **19...gxh3 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Bd5+ Kg7** And now ...g4 would win. **22.Nc5! c6** 0.34/20

[Black should try 22...g4!∓ -0.42/20]

23.bxc6 -0.23/20

[Better is 23.Be4!± 0.34/20]

23...bxc6 24.Bxc6 -2.01/21

[24.Be4!= -0.30/20 and White stays safe.]

24...g4 25.Ne4 Re6 -1.35/17

[25...Be7-+ -1.70/24 Strongly threatening ...Bxa3. 26.Bxe8 *(26.Qf2? Rf8-+)* 26...Qxe8]

26.Bd5∓ Ra6 27.Qe2

[Much weaker is 27.Qf2 g3 28.Qf3 h2+ 29.Kh1 Bh3∓]

27...Kh6! 28.Bc5 -2.95/21

[28.Nc5∓ -1.33/17 Rab6 29.a5]

28...Be7-+ 29.d4 g3! 30.Rf7 -3.78/18

[30.Rad1 -2.69/20 might work better. Qd7 31.Bxe7 *(31.Rf7? Qg4-+)* 31...Qxe7 32.Rf7]

30...Bxc5 31.dxc5 h2+ -1.72/21

[⌓31...Nh8 -3.69/22 32.c6 Rxc6!! 33.Rh7+ Kxh7 34.Bxc6 Kh6]

32.Kg2 -4.26/21

[32.Kh1 -1.72/21 Nh8 33.c6 Rxc6 34.Rh7+ Kxh7 35.Bxc6]

32...Bd7? -0.29/18

[32...Nh8-+ -4.26/21 33.Kh1 Nxf7 34.Bxf7 Kg7]

33.Raf1= Threatening mate with Rh7+!

33...Be8 Really sharp!

[33...h3+? 34.Kxg3 Qh4+ 35.Kxh2+-]

34.R7f5 -0.92/17

[34.Nf6= 0.00/22 remains equal. Rxf6 35.R7xf6]

34...Ne7∓ 35.Rxe5

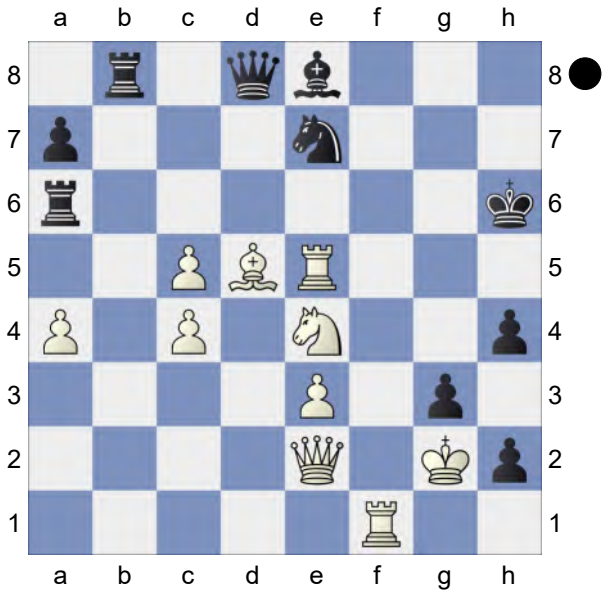
(Diagram)

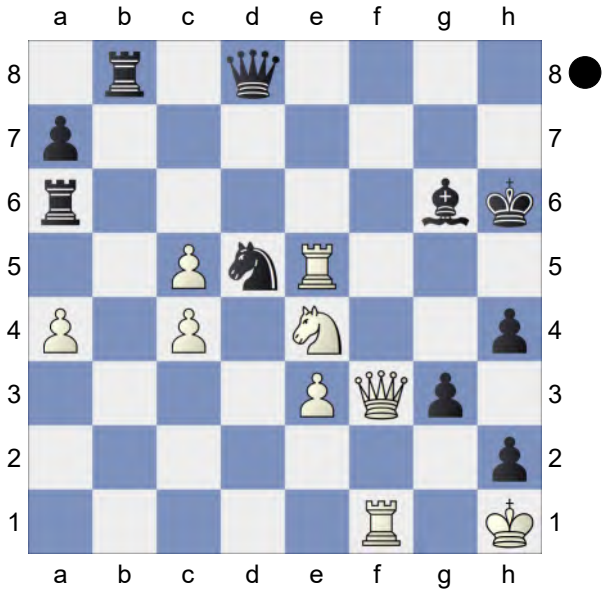
Hoping for c6! **35...Bg6! 36.Qg4?** -6.57/19

[But not 36.Kh1? Nxd5 37.Qf3 *(37.cxd5? Qxd5 38.Qg4 g2+ 39.Qxg2 Qxe5-+)*

(Diagram)

37...Rb2! 38.Rxd5 g2+ 39.Qxg2



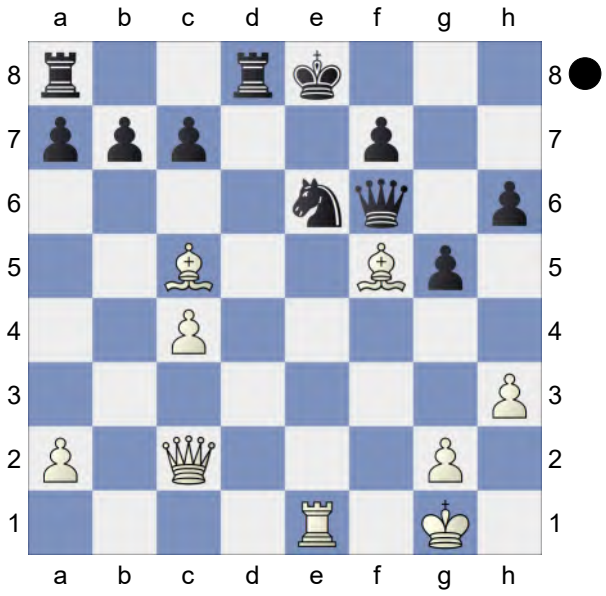


Rxg2-+]
[36.Bf7 -1.66/20 Bxf7 37.Rxf7 h3+ 38.Kxg3 Qg8+ 39.Kxh2 Qxf7 40.Nd6 Rxd6 41.cxd6]
36...Nxd5-+ 37.cxd5 Black must now prevent Nxg3! **37...Rb2+ 38.Nf2 Qf6 39.Kh3 Rxf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.34
0-1

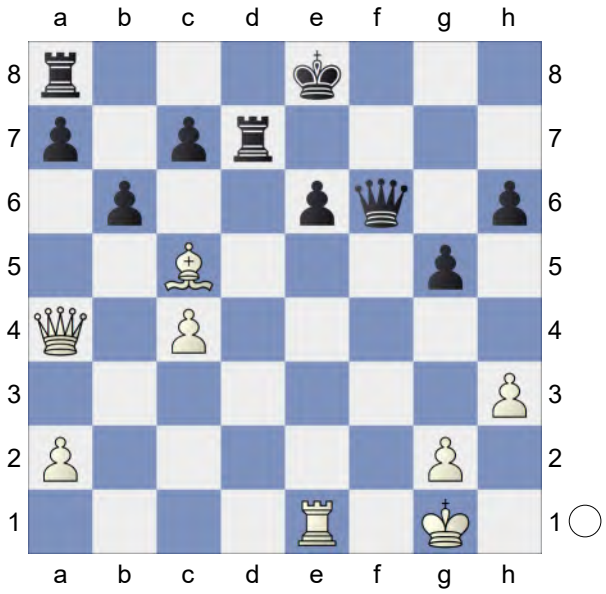
A09
□ **Ramirez,Alej** **2567**
■ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2489**
Titled Tuesday 12th May blitz (9) 12.5.20
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...h6 5.e3N
[5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81)]
[5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic,Slobodan]]
5...e5! 6.Nxe5 -1.02/22
[6.Bb2∓ -0.34/23]
6...Bg7!∓ 7.Nf3 Black must now prevent Bb2. **7...dxe3 8.d4** Black is better.

8...exf2+ 9.Kxf2 Nc6 10.Be3 -1.61/22
[10.Bb2∓ -0.82/22]
10...Nxb4 -0.58/23
[Better is 10...g4-+ -1.61/22 11.b5 gxf3 12.bxc6 Ne7 13.Qxf3 Nxc6]
11.Nc3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nbc6! 13.d5 Pin
13...Bxc3 14.Rd1 Bd7 15.dxc6 -1.54/21
[15.Qb3∓ -0.68/21 Ba5 16.Qb2]
15...Nxc6 16.Qc2 -2.48/19
[16.Qb3∓ -1.29/18 Ba5 17.Qb2 *(17.Bc5? Bb6-+)*]
16...Qf6-+ Hoping for ...0-0-0. **17.Rxd7** -3.65/19
[⌓17.Qe4+ -2.53/18 Qe6 18.Qxe6+ Bxe6 19.g3]
17...Kxd7 18.Bd3 Rhd8
[18...Ke6 19.Be4∓]
19.Bf5+ Ke8 20.Bc5 Bd4+? -0.48/18
[Black should try 20...Ne7-+ -3.42/22 21.Qe4 a5]
21.Nxd4∓ Nxd4
[Much weaker is 21...Rxd4 22.Re1+ Kd8 23.Kg1=]
22.Re1+ Ne6 Threatens to win with ... Rd2+! **23.Kg1**



b6? 4.33/23
[23...Kd7!∓ -0.73/21 Strongly threatening ...Kc8. 24.Qf2 *(24.Bxe6+? fxe6 25.Qh7+ Kc8-+)* 24...Qg7]
24.Ba3? 0.08/26 A strong pair of Bishops.
[24.Qa4++- 4.33/23 Rd7 25.Bxe6 *(25.Qc6 bxc5 26.Bxe6 Qd4+ 27.Kh1 fxe6=)* 25...fxe6



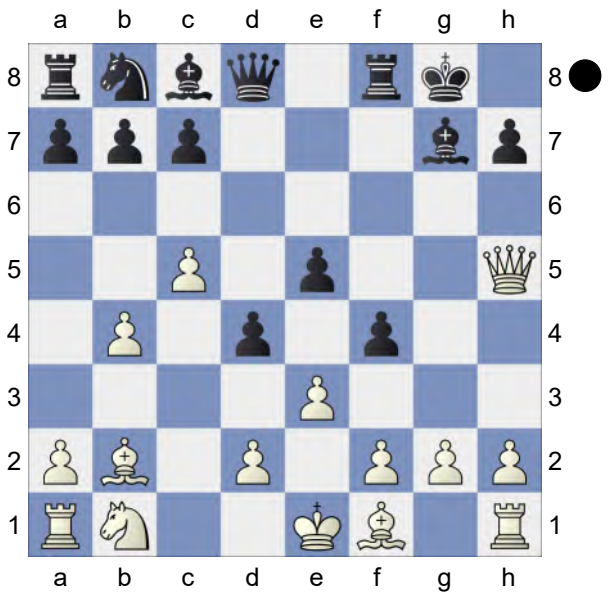
26.Qc6!]
24...Qd4+= 25.Kh1 Qd2? 7.77/24
[25...c5= 0.19/21 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.Rxe6+ Kd7]
26.Qe4 Qc6+ would kill now. **26...Qd4** #4/20
[26...Rd4+- 4.68/21 27.Qxa8+ Kd7]
27.Qc6+ Qd7 28.Rxe6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=1.00
1-0

A09
□ **Medvegy,Zoltan** **2550**
■ **Sedlak,Nikola** **2547**
CRO-chT1B 26th (5.41) 02.10.2017
[Imre, Hera]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5 Black has compensation. **7.Ng3** -0.84/19
[7.Nc5∓ -0.44/23 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]
7...Nf6∓ 8.e3 -1.43/20
[⌓8.e4 -0.71/21]
8...0-0! And now ...f4 would win. **9.c5N**
[9.Bd3 Ng4 10.Be2 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 f4 12.exf4 d3 13.Bf3 e4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nxe4 Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Nc6 17.Nbc3 Rxf4 18.Kxf4 Qe5+ 19.Ke3 Qd4+ 20.Kf4 Qe5+ 21.Ke3 ½-½ (21) Agrest,E (2596)-Morozevich,A (2711) Berlin 2015 CBM 173 [Breutigam, Martin]]
9...f4 10.Bc4+ -2.66/19
[On 10.Nh5 Black has even two, good replies.
A) 10...fxe3 11.dxe3 was seen in Forster - Prusikin, Switzerland 2015. Black should have proceeded with the powerful Ng4!N
A1) 12.Bc4+? -3.10/19
12.Qb3+ -1.44 Kh8 13.Nxg7 Rxf2! 14.Bxd4
A1a) 14...exd4? -0.70/18
14...Nc6 -3.62 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.exd4 Strongly threatening Ne8. Kxg7 -0.42/19 *(16...Na6∓ -0.78/23 17.h3 Nxb4 18.hxg4 Rxg2)* 17.h3∓ Rxg2 ...Ne3 is the strong threat. *(17...Nc6!? 18.hxg4 Rxg2∓)* 18.hxg4 Bxg4 -0.38/22 leads also to Black's favour, but in a much less that convincing way than the other line. *(*Better is *18...Nc6!∓* -0.72/25 *19.Bd5 Rxg4)*;
A1b) 14...Nc6!! An extremely fascinating situation: Black has sacrificed piece and now instead of regaining the material happily, he rather makes a silent move! 15.Bc3 Qg5 16.Qd3 Rxg2 17.Rf1 Rf8+ would kill now. Qh4+ 18.Kd1 Black must now prevent Kc1! Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qxf2 20.Nd2 Hoping for Kc2! Kxg7 21.Kc2 Threatens to win with Rf1. Bf5 22.e4 Rd8-+;
A2) 12.Qb3+ Kh8 13.Nxg7 Nxf2 14.Rg1 -2.86/23 *(⌓14.Nd2* -1.66/21 *Nxh1 15.exd4)* 14...Qh4 15.g3 Qf6! 16.Nd2 *(16.Nh5?* -4.30/18 16.Be2 -2.15 *Nd3+! 17.Qxd3 Qf2+ 18.Kd1 Bg4+)* 16...Nc6-+;
B) 10...Nxh5 11.Qxh5

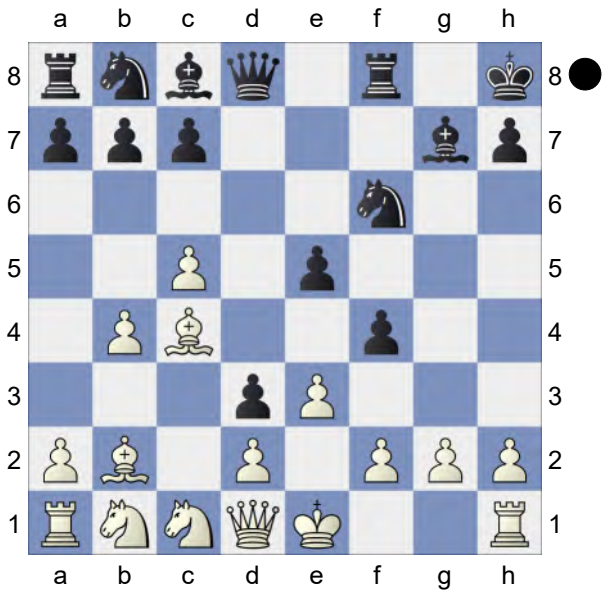
(Diagram)

Bf5! 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.0-0 Bg6 14.Qh3 Nc6∓]
[10.Nh5∓ -1.53/19 was called for. fxe3 11.fxe3 *(11.dxe3 Ng4∓)* 11...Nxh5 12.Qxh5 *(12.Bc4+ Kh8∓)*]
10...Kh8-+ 11.Ne2 -3.57/20
[⌓11.Qc2 -2.48/20 fxg3 12.hxg3]
11...d3



[11...Ng4N would work as well, just like above. 12.h3 Qh4 13.g3 fxg3 14.fxg3 Qh6 15.Qb3 Nc6-+]

12.Nc1



e4 13.exf4 -3.31/20

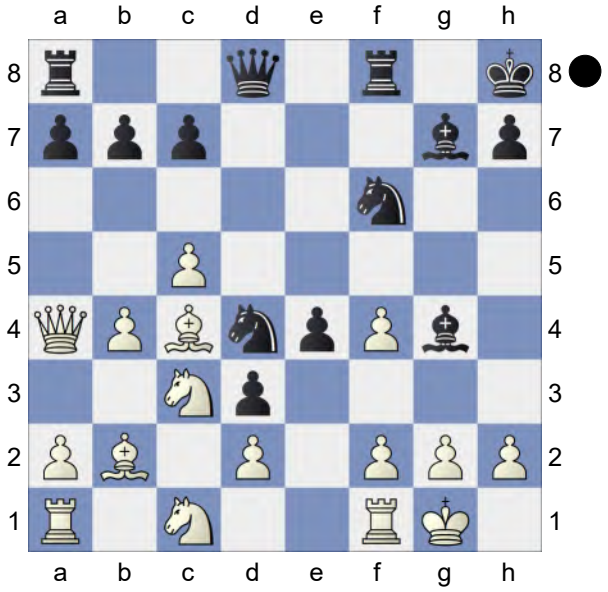
[⌓13.f3 -2.25/20 fxe3 14.0-0 *(14.dxe3? Ng4-+)* 14...exf3 15.Qxf3]

13...Nc6 White is two pawns up, but his whole army will hardly come out from the backrank in the near future. **14.0-0 Nd4** aiming for ...Ng4. **15.Nc3** -4.36/19

[15.f3 -2.98/19 might work better. exf3 16.gxf3 *(16.Nxd3? b5-+)*]

15...Bg4 16.Qa4 -6.37/19

[16.f3 -3.95/18 exf3 17.gxf3 Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3 Qd4+ 19.Kh1 Qxc4 20.h3 *(20.Nxd3? Ne4-+)* 20...Bxf3+ 21.Qxf3]



16...Nf3+! Nicely demolishing the defence. **17.gxf3 Bxf3 18.Be6** Inhibits Qc8. **18...Nh5 19.Qd7 Qf6** Black had a huge range of promising options.

[19...Nxf4 (-> ...Qg5+) 20.Qxd8 Raxd8-+ was another appealing scenario.]

20.Nxe4 Qg6+ 21.Ng3 Bxb2 Chess con chili. **22.Nxd3**

(Diagram)

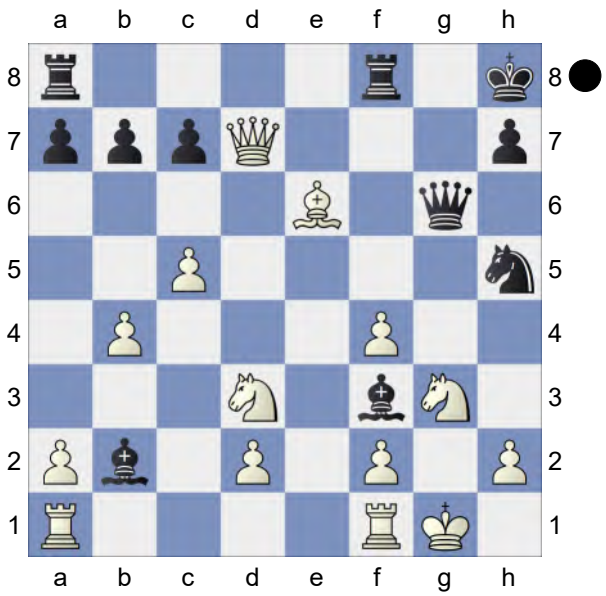
Rad8! 23.f5

[Avoid the trap 23.Ne5? Bxe5 24.Bf5 Rxd7]

[23.Bf5 Nxg3]

23...Qg5 24.Qxd8 Rxd8 25.Nxb2 Nf4 -8.45/19

[⌓25...Rxd2 -#11/18 26.Bd5 Bxd5 27.Rae1 Nxg3 28.Re8+ Kg7



29.hxg3 Qh5 30.Re7+ Kh8 31.Re8+ Qxe8 32.f3 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Qh6+ 34.Kg1 Qh2#]

26.Rfd1 Nh3+ -11.65/5

[⌓26...Qg4 -#10/18 27.f6 Qxe6 28.Nc4 Nh3+ 29.Kf1 Qxc4+ 30.d3 Qc2 31.Rd2 Qxd2 32.f7 Qxf2#]

27.Kf1 Black is clearly winning.

27...Bxd1 28.Rxd1 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Qxd2 30.Kg2 Nf4+ 31.Kf3 Nxe6 32.fxe6 Qxb2 33.Ke4 Kg7 Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.16/Black = 0.70An overwhelming victory from the Serbian grandmaster.

0-1

A09

□ **Elsness,F** **2477**

■ **Ragger,M** **2668**

TCh-NOR Elite 2017-18 (7.1) 02.03.2018

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...c6 5.Bb2N

[5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 Section-N,N [Neustroev,Viktor] 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Ludwig,W (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]

[5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 Bg7 7.g3 h5 8.h4 b5 9.cxb5 Qd5 10.Rg1 cxb5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.a4 Nf6 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Ndc4 0-0 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bg2 Nd5 18.Qb3 Nc6 19.b5 Ne5 Markowski,T (2616)-Navara,D (2702) Wroclaw 2011 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (48)]

5...Bg7 6.e3 e5 aiming for ...g4. **7.exd4** -1.02/23

[7.h3!∓ -0.44/22]

7...e4 -0.55/20

[7...exd4∓ -1.02/23 Strongly threatening ...g4. 8.Qa5 Qxa5 9.bxa5 g4 10.Bxd4 Nf6]

8.Ng1!∓ Black is slightly better.

[8.Ne5 f6 9.Nxc6 bxc6∓]

8...Bxd4 0.08/21

[8...Nh6∓ -0.57/22]

9.Nc3!= Threatening Qc2. **9...Bg4** 0.74/23

[9...Bxf2+ 10.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 11.Nge2 Qxb2 12.Rb1±]

[9...Nf6= 0.18/20 keeps the balance.]

10.Nge2± Bxe2 11.Bxe2 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0.45/22

[12.0-0± 0.81/21]

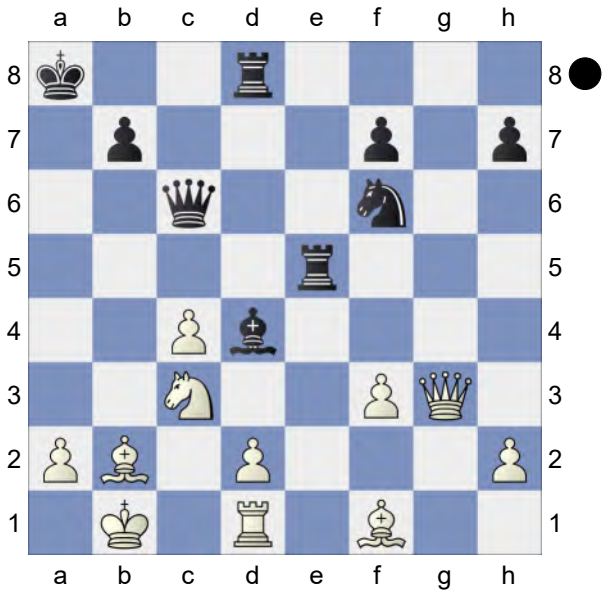
12...Nbd7 13.f3 -0.09/21

[13.d3!± 0.66/19]

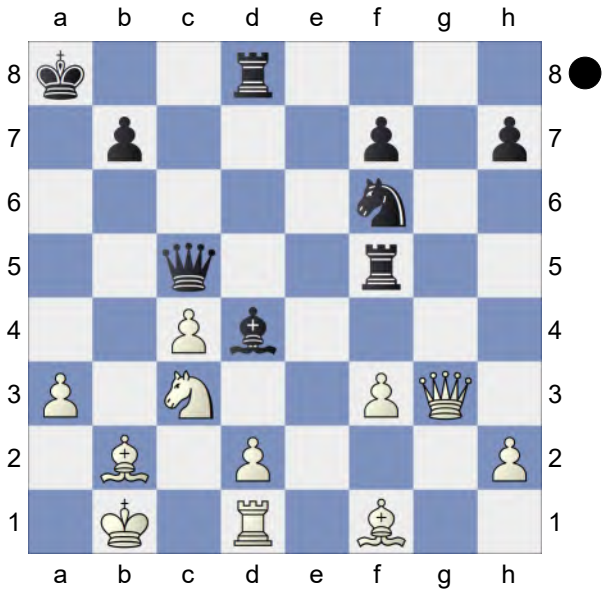
13...exf3 14.gxf3 Qe7 15.Rhe1

-0.41/24
[15.h4= 0.06/21 gxh4 16.Qc2]
15...0-0-0 0.01/21
[15...0-0!∓ -0.41/24 deserves consideration.]
16.Bf1= Ne5 17.Kb1 Black must now prevent Nd5! **17...Qd7** Prevents Nd5.
18.Rxe5 Bxe5 19.Qxa7 -1.19/20
[19.d4!= -0.27/21 Bxh2 20.Qxa7]
19...Qf5+∓
[19...Bxh2?! 20.Qa8+ Kc7 21.Qa5+ Kb8 22.Na4=]
20.Kc1 Bd4 -0.27/20
[20...Qxf3?! 21.Qa8+ Bb8 22.Na4=]
[20...Bxh2?! 21.a4∓ *(21.Na4 Nd7∓)*]
[20...Rhe8!∓ -1.22/20 21.b5 Bd4]
21.Qa4? -1.95/21
[21.c5= -0.27/20]
21...Rhe8-+ 22.b5 Qc5 -0.46/19
[22...Qxf3 23.Be2 Rxe2 24.bxc6 Qxc6 25.Qxc6+ bxc6 26.Nxe2 Bxb2+ 27.Kxb2∓]
[Black should try 22...Kd7-+ -1.80/21 23.Bg2 Qf4 24.Bh3+ Kc7]
23.bxc6!∓ Qxc6 24.Qa5 -1.19/21
[24.Nb5∓ -0.39/25 Bxb2+ 25.Kxb2 Qxf3 26.c5 *(26.Qa5 Qf4∓)*]
24...Kb8 -0.22/21 Active counter play!
[24...Qxf3∓ -1.19/21 25.Nb5 Bxb2+ 26.Kxb2 Kd7 27.Qc7+ Ke6]
25.Qxg5? -1.78/19
[25.Nb5= -0.22/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bb6 26.Qc3]
25...Re5 -0.85/22
[25...Qxf3-+ -1.78/19 and Black stays clearly on top. And now ...Bxc3 would win. 26.Bg2 h6! 27.Bxf3 hxg5]
26.Qg3 Ka8 Black has strong compensation. **27.Kb1** -1.28/18
[⌓27.Qf4 -0.89/19]

(Diagram)



27...Qc5!∓ 28.a3 -2.28/26
[28.f4∓ -1.13/22 was worth a try. Rh5 29.Be2]
28...Rg5 29.Qf4 -2.61/24
[29.Qh3∓ -1.59/23]
29...Rf5-+ 30.Qg3



Rg8!
[And not 30...Bxc3 31.Bxc3 Rg8 32.Bb4 Rxg3 33.Bxc5 Rgxf3 34.Be2∓]
31.Qe1 Rxf3 32.Nb5 -10.18/22
[⌓32.Be2 -4.31/22 Re8 33.d3 Bxc3 34.Bxc3]

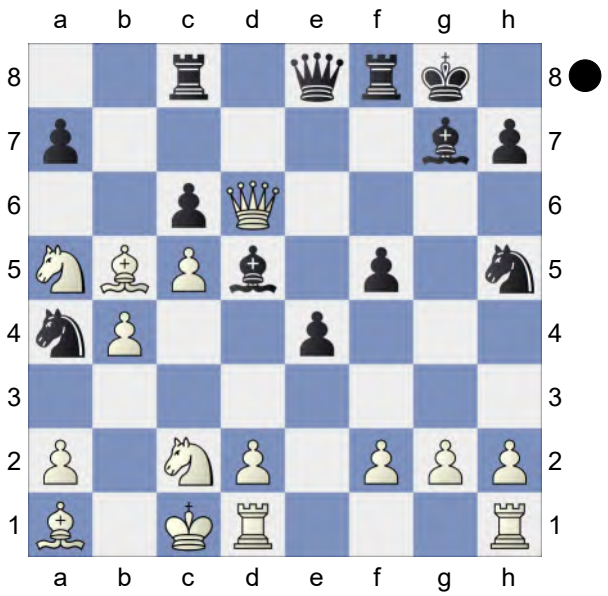
32...Re8? -2.07/21 **33.Bxd4** -6.63/23
[33.Qh4 -2.07/21 Qf5+ 34.Ka2 Bxb2 35.Kxb2]
33...Rxe1 34.Rxe1 Qf5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.56
0-1

A09
□ **Iturrizaga Bonelli,Eduardo 2653**
■ **Sulskis,S 2544**
41st Olympiad Open 2014 (8.30) 10.8.14
[Kitty kat]

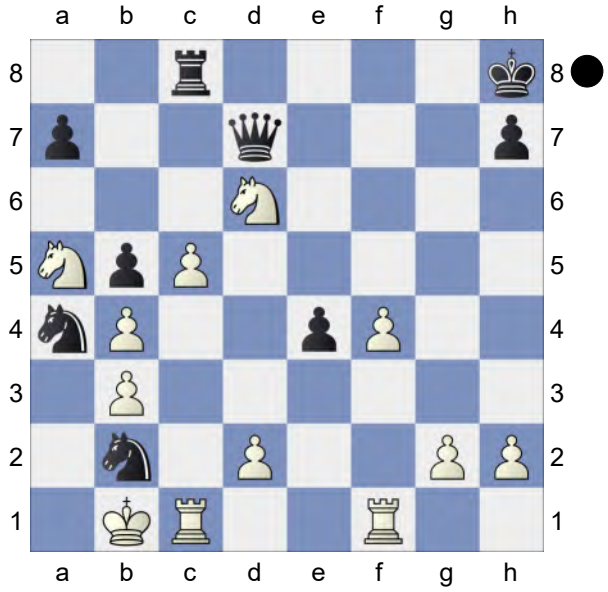
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5 Black has compensation. **7.Nc5 b6 8.Qa4+** Black is slightly better.
[8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) chess24.com 2018 [David Cummings] ½-½ (42) 23.Be2 Ng5 24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2 Qh3 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6 33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3 Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 36.Ne4 Rxh2 37.Qd1 Rxh1 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]
8...c6N
[8...Kf7 is interesting. 9.Nd3 c5 *(9...Bb7 10.e3 Ne7 11.exd4 exd4 12.Na3 Re8 13.0-0-0 Nd7* Podmoskovnie Vechera-Morozevich,A Midnight 126 [Morozevich,Alexander]*)* 10.Na3 e4]
9.Nb3 Ne7 0.07/20
[9...a5!∓ -0.68/21]
10.e3 -0.91/23
[10.g3!= 0.07/20]
10...0-0 -0.60/19
[10...a5!∓ -0.91/23]
11.c5∓ b5
[11...f4 feels hotter. 12.cxb6 fxe3 13.dxe3 dxe3 14.fxe3 Nd5]
12.Qa5 Qe8 -0.21/20
[12...Qd5∓ -0.57/24]
13.Na3= Nd5 14.Nc2! Be6
[14...Qg6!? 15.f3 Be6=]
15.exd4 e4 16.0-0-0! Nd7 17.Qa3 N7b6 0.80/21 **18.Na5**
[18.cxb6 axb6 19.Na5 bxa5 20.bxa5 Qd8∓]
18...Na4 1.19/22
[⌓18...Qd7 0.83/22]
19.Ba1!± Nf4 1.77/20
[19...Qd7± 1.36/23]
20.Qg3 1.27/21
[20.g3+- 1.77/20 Nd5 21.Bg2]
20...Nh5 21.Qd6 Rc8 1.64/22
[21...a6± 1.31/21]
22.d5 1.00/19
[22.Be2+- 1.64/22 Nf6 23.Ne3]
22...Bxd5 23.Bxb5? -1.23/24
[23.Bxg7± 1.05/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Kxg7 24.Be2 *(24.Bxb5 cxb5 25.Qxd5 Rd8±)*]

(Diagram)

23...cxb5? 1.62/21
[23...Qf7!∓ -1.23/24 stays on course. White must now prevent ...Rfd8. 24.Bxc6 *(24.Bxa4 Rfd8∓)* 24...Bxc6 25.Nxc6 Bxa1 26.Ne7+ *(26.Nxa1? Rxc6 27.Qd4 Qxa2-+)* 26...Kh8 27.Nxc8 Bg7]
24.Qxd5++- Rf7 Hoping for ...Bxa1.



25.Bxg7 0.76/18
[⌓25.d4! 1.53/24]
25...Nf4± 26.Qb3 Nd3+ 27.Kb1 Kxg7
28.Rhf1 -0.36/23
[28.f3!± 0.93/19]
28...Rd7 0.06/25
[28...Rd8!∓ -0.36/23 might be stronger.]
29.f4? -1.48/21
[29.c6= 0.06/25 Rdd8 30.Nb7 Qxc6 31.Nxd8 Rxd8 32.f3]
29...Ndb2!∓ 30.Ne3 Rd3 -0.61/22
[30...Nxd1?! 31.Rxd1 *(31.Nxf5+ Kf6-+)* 31...Kh8 32.Nxf5=]
[30...Kf8!∓ -1.16/22 Threatens to win with ...Rd3. 31.Rc1 *(31.Nxf5 Nxd1 32.Nd6 Rxd6∓)* 31...Rxd2 32.Nxf5 Nd3]
31.Nxf5+? -2.48/24
[31.Qc2!∓ -0.61/22 Nxd1 32.Rxd1]
31...Kh8 -1.21/22
[31...Kf8!-+ -2.48/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 32.Nd6 Qd7 33.Qxb2 *(33.Nxc8? Rxb3 34.axb3 Nxd1-+; 33.Qc2? Rxd6 34.c6 Rdxc6-+)* 33...Nxb2 34.Kxb2 Rxd6 35.cxd6 Qxd6]
32.Nd6 -2.61/31
[32.Qc2∓ -1.21/22 Qd7 33.g4]
32...Rxb3? 0.00/31
[Black should play 32...Qd7!-+ -2.61/31 33.Rc1 *(33.Nxc8? Nxd1 34.Nd6 Rxb3+ 35.axb3 Qg7-+; 33.Nf7+? Kg7-+)* 33...Rxb3 34.axb3

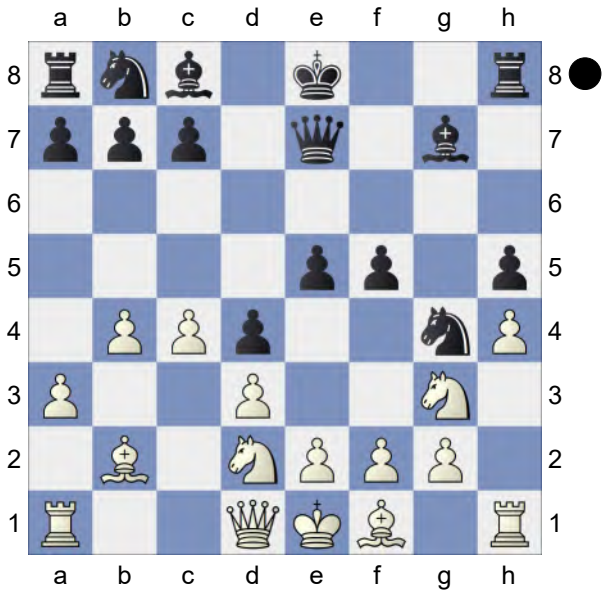


Nd3! 35.bxa4 *(35.Nxc8? Nxc1 36.Kxc1 Qd4-+)* 35...Qg7!]
33.Nxe8= The position is equal.
33...Rxb4 34.a3 Rd4 35.Nd6!
[Don't play 35.Nb3 Rd3 36.Nd6 Rxb3-+]
35...Rxc5 36.Nb3 Rxd6 37.Nxc5 Nxd1 38.Nxa4 Rxd2 39.Kc1 Rxg2 ...Nf2 is the strong threat. **40.Kxd1 bxa4** Endgame KR-KR **41.Re1 Ra2 42.Rxe4 Rxa3 43.Ke2 Ra1 44.Kf2 Kg7 45.Re6**
[45.Re7+ Kh6 46.Rxa7 Kg6]
45...a5 Strongly threatening ...a3. **46.Ra6 a3 47.Rxa5 Kg6 48.Kg2 Ra2+ 49.Kg3 Ra1 50.Kg4 Rg1+ 51.Kh4 Rf1 52.Rxa3 Rxf4+ 53.Kg3 Rb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
½-½

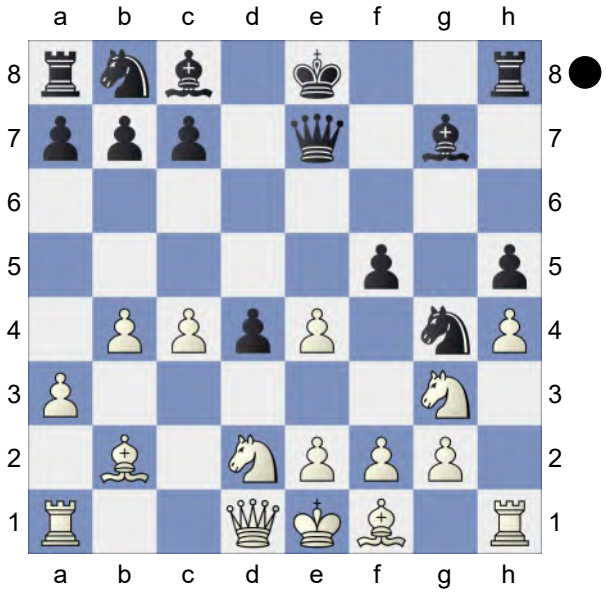
A09
□ **Forcen Esteban,D** **2567**
■ **Klein,Da** **2492**
PRO League Group Stage rapid (5) 7.2.19
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5! Black has compensation. **7.Ng3** -0.85/20
[7.Nc5∓ -0.38/23 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]
7...Nf6∓ aiming for ...f4. **8.d3N** -1.58/21
[⩲8.e4 -0.82/19]
[8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 *(9.c5 f4 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Ne2 d3 12.Nc1 e4 13.exf4 Nc6 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Nc3 Bg4 16.Qa4 Nf3+ 17.gxf3 Bxf3 18.Be6 Nh5 19.Qd7 Qf6 20.Nxe4 Qg6+ 21.Ng3 Bxb2 22.Nxd3 Rad8 23.f5 Qg5* Medvegy,Z (2550)-Sedlak,N (2547) Mati Losinj 2017 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (33)*)* 9...Ng4 10.Be2 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 f4 12.exf4 d3 13.Bf3 e4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nxe4 Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Nc6 17.Nbc3 Rxf4 18.Kxf4 Qe5+ 19.Ke3 Qd4+ 20.Kf4 Qe5+ 21.Ke3 ½-½ (21) Chatalbashev,B (2596)-Sethuraman,S (2711) United States 2015 HCM [Demarre,J/Primel,D]]
8...h5 9.h4 Ng4 10.Nd2 Qe7 11.a3 -2.40/19
[11.Qa4+∓ -1.47/19 Bd7 12.b5]

(Diagram)



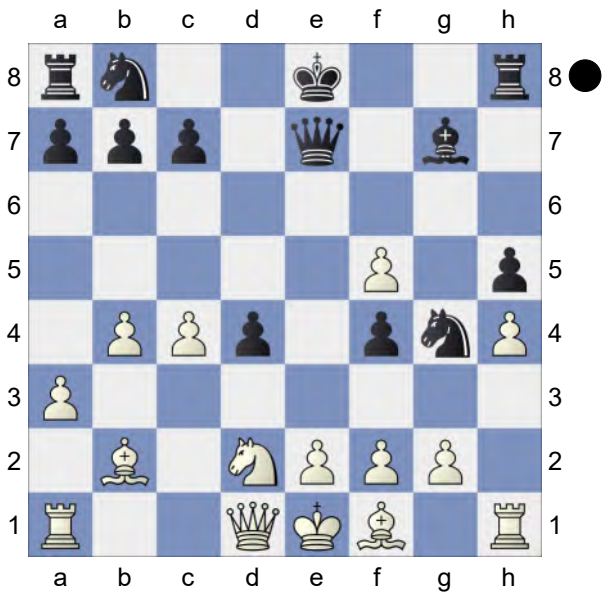
11...e4!-+ Hoping for ...e3. **12.dxe4**



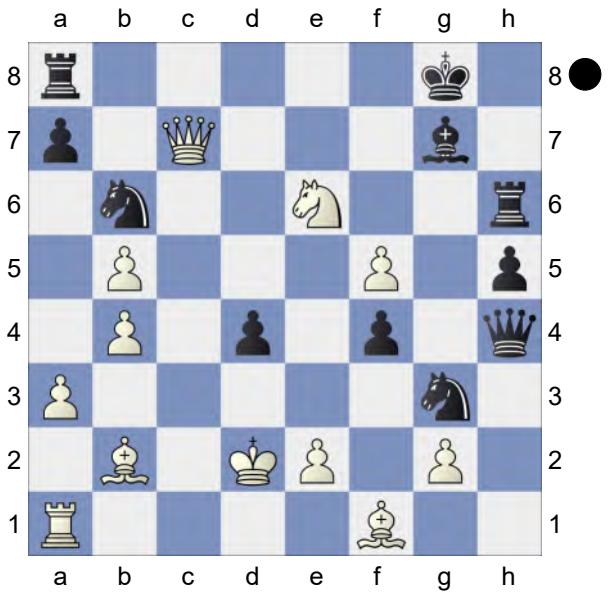
f4! 13.Nf5 Bxf5 Active counter play! **14.exf5**

(Diagram)

Nxf2! 15.Qa4+
[15.Kxf2? is a self mate. Qe3+ 16.Ke1 Qg3#]
15...b5! And now ...Nd3+ would win.
16.Qb3 Prevents Nd3+. **16...Nxh1 17.cxb5 Nd7 18.Qd5 Nb6 19.Qc6+ Kf8 20.Ne4 Qxh4+ 21.Kd2 Ng3**



...Nxe4+ is the strong threat. **22.Nc5 Rh6 23.Ne6+ Kg8 24.Qxc7**



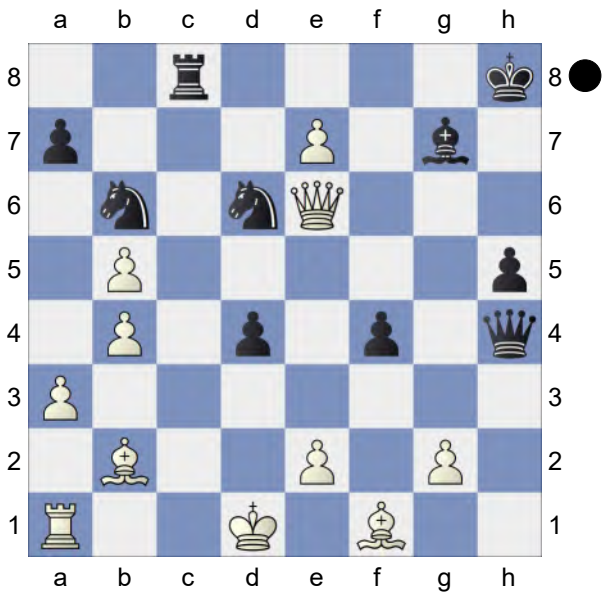
Rxe6! 25.fxe6 Rc8 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.e7 Ne4+ 28.Kd1 Nd6 Inhibits e8Q+.

[Not 28...Nf2+? 29.Kd2 Ne4+ 30.Kd1-+]

29.Qe6 -5.89/21

[29.Rc1 -3.33/21 Re8 30.Qg6 Qxe7 31.Rc5]

(Diagram)



29...Qf2! 30.Qxd6 Strongly threatening Qd8+.

[30.Rc1 Rxc1+]

30...Qxf1+ Black mates. **31.Kd2 Nc4+ 32.Kd3 Nxb2+**

[Inferior is 32...Nxd6 33.Rxf1 Re8 34.a4∓]

33.Ke4 Qxe2+ 34.Kf5 Qg4+ 35.Ke4 f3+ Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.11 (very precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Puranik,A** **2612**

■ **Stijve,Theo** **2394**

55th Biel Master Open (2.11) 14.07.2022

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5*

Nh5 Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

4...g4 5.Nh4 e5 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.0-0 Ng6 8.e3 -0.85/18

[8.Nxg6= 0.04/23 hxg6 9.e3]

8...Nxh4∓ 9.gxh4 Nc6 0.10/17

[9...Bg7∓ -0.89/20]

10.b5= Ne7 11.exd4! Qxd4 12.Qb3 Bb2 is the strong threat. **12...Be6** 0.87/21

[12...Qxa1? 13.Bb2 Qxb2 14.Qxb2+-]

[12...Bg7= 0.27/22]

13.Bb2± Qc5 14.d3 0.14/19

[14.Bxb7± 0.95/21 Rb8 15.Bg2]

14...0-0-0!= Hoping for ...Ng6. **15.Nd2** Strongly threatening Ne4. **15...f5** 1.61/23 Prevents Ne4.

[15...Ng6!= -0.21/22]

16.Ba3↑ 0.92/21 White is on the roll.

[White should try 16.Qa4+- 1.61/23 Ng6 17.Nb3]

16...Qd4± 17.Qa4! Black must now prevent Nb3. **17...g3?** 4.24/20

[17...Ng6± 1.44/20 keeps fighting.]

18.hxg3+- Bd5 19.Nb3

[19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxf8 Nc3±]

19...Qg4 aiming for ...Bxg2. **20.Qxa7**

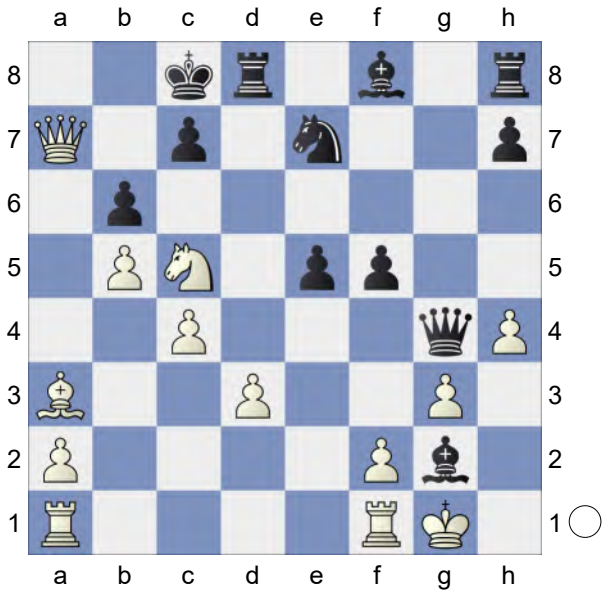
[20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.Qxa7 Nf4=]

20...Bxg2 21.Nc5

[21.Kxg2 Ng6 22.Kg1 Rxd3 23.Bxf8 *(23.Qa8+ Kd7=)* 23...Rxg3+ 24.fxg3 Qxg3+ 25.Kh1 Qh3+ 26.Kg1 Qg3+ 27.Kh1 Qh3+ 28.Kg1 Qg3+=]

[21.Bxe7 Bxe7 22.Kxg2 Rhg8+-]

21...b6



And now ...Qh3 would win. **22.Qa6+!**

[22.Kxg2 bxc5 23.f3 Qg6 24.Bxc5 f4=]

[22.Na6 Kd7 23.Qxc7+ *(23.Kxg2 Ng6=)* 23...Ke8 24.Kxg2 Ng6=]

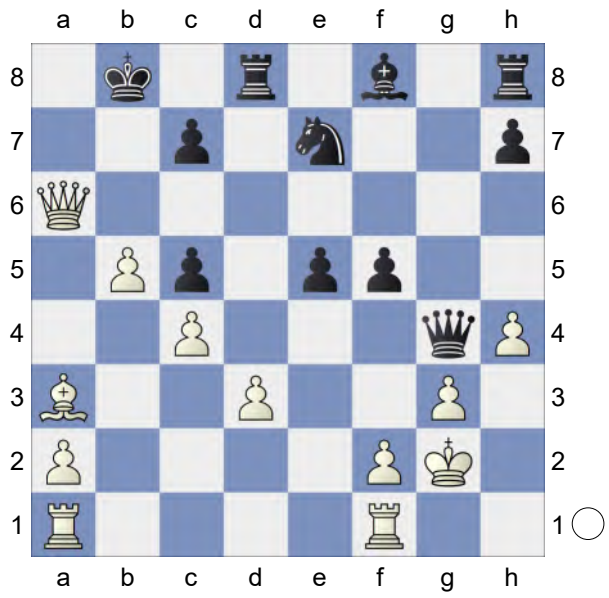
22...Kb8 23.Kxg2 The board is on fire.

23...bxc5

(Diagram)

White is clearly winning. **24.b6!** Threatening mate with Qa7+. **24...Nc8** Inhibits Qa7+.

[24...Nc6? 25.Rab1 *(25.b7 Na7∓)*



25...f4 26.bxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rb6]

25.Rab1 bxc7+ would kill now.

[25.b7 Nb6 26.f3 Qg6-+]

25...Rd6 7.90/21

[⌓25...Rxd3 4.59/20 26.bxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rb7+ Kd8 28.Bxc5 *(28.Qf6+ Ne7+-)* 28...Qe4+ 29.Kh2 Qxb7 30.Qxb7 Bxc5]

26.Bxc5 White threatens bxc7+ and mate. **26...Rg8 27.bxc7+ Kxc7 28.Rb7+** Skewer **28...Kd8 29.Qa5+** 48.44/26

[⌓29.Bxd6 11.34/19 Bxd6 30.Qa5+ Ke8 31.Qa4+ Kf8 32.Qd7]

29...Ke8 30.Qb5+ 8.50/17

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.46

[⌓30.Qa4+ 28.61/28 Kd8 31.Bxd6]

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A09

□ **Muradli,Mahammad** **2537**

■ **Haring,Filip** **2425**

22nd ch-EUR Indiv 2022 (9.57) 04.04.22

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.g3N

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Trkaljanov,V (2663)-Ciocaltea,V (2719) Sanghi Nagar 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]

[4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] 0-1]

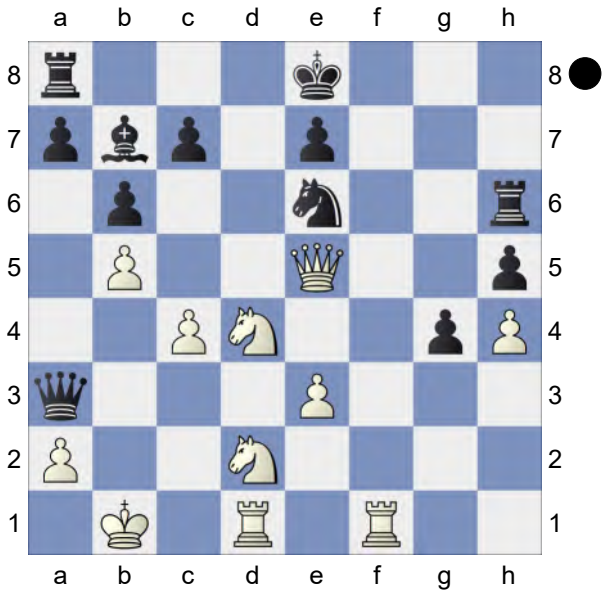
4...Bg7 5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 0.00/22

[6.Nh4!± 0.58/24]

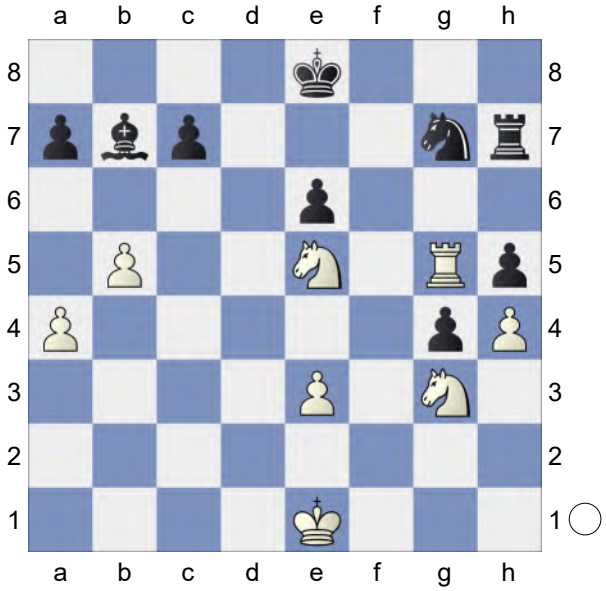
6...h5 7.h4 f5 Inhibits Ne4. **8.Bg2** The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.79/23

[8...Nh6= 0.03/21 keeps the balance.]

9.b5 0.39/19
[9.Qa4!± 0.79/23]
9...Ne5± 10.Nb3 Nh6 11.Bb2? -0.92/20
[11.Nc5± 0.65/22 keeps the upper hand.]
11...f4!∓ 12.gxf4 Ng6 13.Be4 Nxf4 -0.54/17
[13...Nf5!∓ -1.02/23]
14.e3∓ Ne6 15.Bg6+ -0.99/19
[15.Qd2∓ -0.36/22]
15...Nf7∓ ...dxe3 is the strong threat.
16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qc2 -1.44/21
[⩲17.Qd2 -1.10/22]
17...Rh6 18.N1d2 dxe3 19.fxe3 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Qxd3 21.0-0-0 -2.17/23
[21.Qe5∓ -1.52/22 is a better defense.]
21...b6-+
[21...Qxe3 22.Rhe1 Qd3 23.Qe5∓]
22.Rhf1+ Ke8 -0.80/18
[22...Kg8-+ -1.61/23 has better winning chances. Strongly threatening ...a6. 23.Qe5 a6 24.bxa6 Qd6]
23.Qe5∓ Bb7 Inhibits Ne4. **24.Nd4** -1.21/22
[24.Rf5!∓ -0.65/25]
24...Qa3+! 25.Kb1



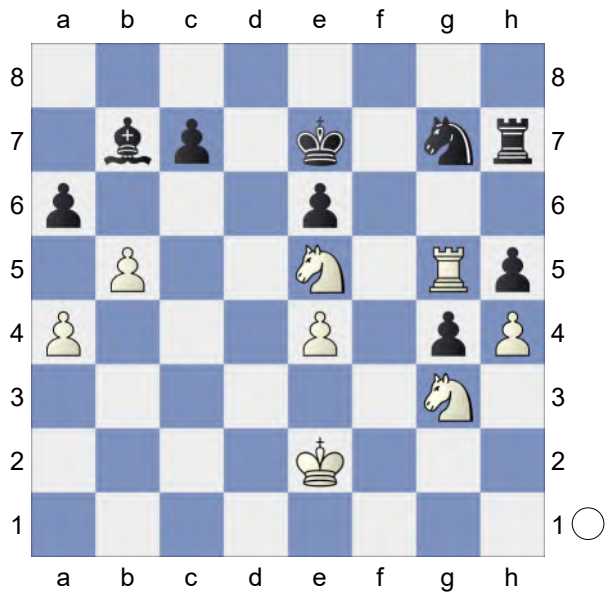
Qc5! 26.Rf5 Qxe5 27.Rxe5 Nf8 -1.02/23
[⩲27...Nc5 -1.33/22 28.N2b3 Ne4]
28.c5 bxc5 29.Nf5 Rh7 And now ... Nd7 would win. **30.Rxc5 Rd8** aiming for ...Bf3. **31.Kc1** -1.46/22
[⩲31.Kc2 -0.99/25]
31...Ne6 32.Re5 Rd5 33.Nc4 -1.92/24
[33.Rxd5∓ -1.39/24 Bxd5 34.Ng3]
33...Rxd1+ -0.64/20
[33...Rc5!-+ -1.92/24 34.Rxc5 Nxc5]
34.Kxd1∓ Kf7 0.00/29
[34...Nf8∓ -0.45/23 35.Rc5 Kd8]
35.Ng3 Rh8 36.Ke1 White has compensation. **36...Ng7 37.Rg5 Rh6 38.Rc5 Ne6 39.Rf5+ Ke8 40.Ne5 Rh7 41.a4 Ng7** 0.87/25
[41...Nc5= 0.29/22 remains equal.]
42.Rg5!± e6 1.49/22
[Black should play 42...Kf8 1.16/22]



43.e4! Ke7 44.Ke2 &Bianco is more active. **44...a6** 1.72/24
[44...Ne8± 1.33/24]

(Diagram)

45.bxa6 1.07/19



[Better is 45.Ng6+!+- 1.72/24 Kd6 46.Ke3]

45...Bxa6+ 46.Ke3 Black must now prevent Ng6+. **46...Kd6 47.Ng6** Pair of Knights! **47...Rh6?** 2.74/22

[47...c5± 0.76/20]

48.Nf4+- Rh7 49.Kd4 Prevents c5+. **49...Nf5+?** 5.72/23

[49...Bc8± 1.60/19 is a better chance. 50.a5 *(50.Ngxh5 Nxh5 51.e5+ Ke7±; 50.Nfxh5 c5+ 51.Ke3 Nxh5=)* 50...Bb7]

50.Nxf5+ White is clearly winning.

[Less strong is 50.exf5 e5+ 51.Ke3 exf4+ 52.Kxf4 Bd3 53.Rxh5 Rd7 54.Rh6+ *(54.Kxg4 c5±)* 54...Kd5+-]

50...exf5 51.Rg6+ Skewer **51...Kd7 52.Rxa6 fxe4 53.Ra5 Rf7 54.Kxe4** Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.37

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A09

□ **Katz,Alexander** **2396**

■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2607**

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[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.e3

[5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

5...e5! 6.exd4 -0.89/20

[6.g3∓ -0.49/20]

6...exd4∓ aiming for ...g4. **7.Bd3N** -1.79/20

[7.h3∓ -0.82/23]

[7.d3 g4 8.Nfd2 Ne7 9.Be2 h5 10.Nb3 Nf5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Na3 b6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Re1 Nc6 15.Bf1 Nh4 16.Rb1 Ne5 17.Ncxd4 Qg5 18.b5 Rad8 19.Qc1 Qg6 20.Qe3 Rfe8 21.Qg3 Nf5 Yu,R (2332)-Games (2510) Saint Petersburg (zt) 56/(535) 2018 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] 0-1 (36) 22.Nxf5 Qxf5 23.d4 Ng6 24.Rbd1 Be4 25.Qc3 Nf4 26.Bc1 h4 27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.Re3 Bg6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Nc1 g3 31.hxg3 hxg3 32.fxg3 Qg5 33.Ne2 Bh5 34.Qd2 Qf6 35.Re1 Bg4 36.d5 Bf8 Wang,T (2332)-Berczes,D (2510) Budapest 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (36)]

7...g4-+ 8.Qe2+ -2.30/21

[⌓8.Ng1 -1.84/23]

8...Ne7! 9.Ne5 Nbc6? -0.82/20

[9...0-0!-+ -2.44/20 White must now

prevent ...Ng6. 10.0-0 *(10.Nxg4? Ng6-+)* 10...Nbc6 11.Nxg4 *(11.Qe4? f5-+)* 11...Nxb4]

10.Nxc6∓

[10.Nxg4? h5 11.Ne3 Nxb4-+]

10...bxc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.f3 -1.54/21

[12.Na3∓ -0.48/21]

12...f5? 0.32/25

[12...Ng6∓ -1.54/21 ...Re8 is the strong threat. 13.fxg4 Rb8]

13.Na3 Rb8 14.Nc2 0.00/22

[14.fxg4!± 0.42/24 should be considered. Rxb4 15.Bc1]

14...c5 0.39/25

[14...gxf3= 0.00/22 is superior. 15.Rxf3 *(15.Qxf3 c5=)* 15...Ng6]

15.Rae1 -0.22/24

[Better is 15.fxg4± 0.39/25 f4 16.h3 *(16.Qe4 Ng6=)*]

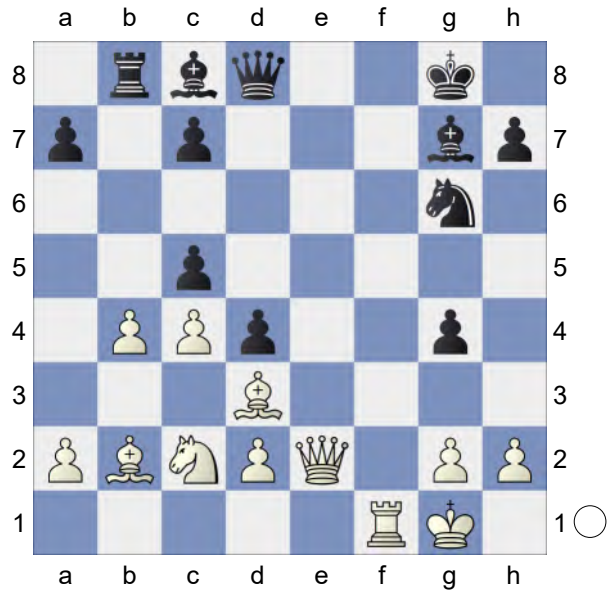
15...Ng6!= And now ...Nf4 would win.

16.fxg4 fxg4 0.38/21

[16...f4!∓ -0.36/22]

17.Rxf8+± Qxf8 18.Rf1 Qd8 1.23/22

[Black should try 18...Qe7± 0.39/24 19.Qxe7 Nxe7]



19.Ba3 0.01/21

[19.Qf2?! Be6=]

[19.Ba1!± 1.23/22]

19...Ne5= 20.bxc5 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qd7 0.76/23

[21...Be6± 0.34/24]

22.c6 Qxc6 23.Nxd4→ Black needs to defend precisely.

[23.Nb4!? Qe6 24.Qg3=]

23...Qd7 24.Bc5 Hoping for Qe3.

24...Bb7 1.40/26

[24...Ba6± 0.35/23]

25.Qe3 0.92/26 0x0.001bcf59d7cedp-1022s more active pieces.

[25.Bxa7 Ra8 26.Bc5 Ra5∓]

[⌓25.Rb1 1.40/26]

25...Re8 26.Qf2 0.00/26

[26.Qg5± 1.07/26]

26...h5? 1.68/20

[26...Rf8!= 0.00/26 and Black stays safe. 27.Qe3 *(27.Bxf8? Bxd4 28.Bh6 Bxf2+-+)* 27...Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Bxd4 29.Bxd4 *(29.Qxd4 Qxd4 30.Bxd4 a6±)* 29...Qf5+ 30.Kg1 Qe4 31.Qxe4 Bxe4]

27.Nf5+-

[Resist 27.Bxa7?! Be4±]

27...Be5 5.39/21

[27...Be4 1.69/24 is more resistant. 28.Nxg7 *(28.Bxa7? Rf8-+)* 28...Qxg7]

28.d4 Bh8 29.d5 Ba6

(Diagram)

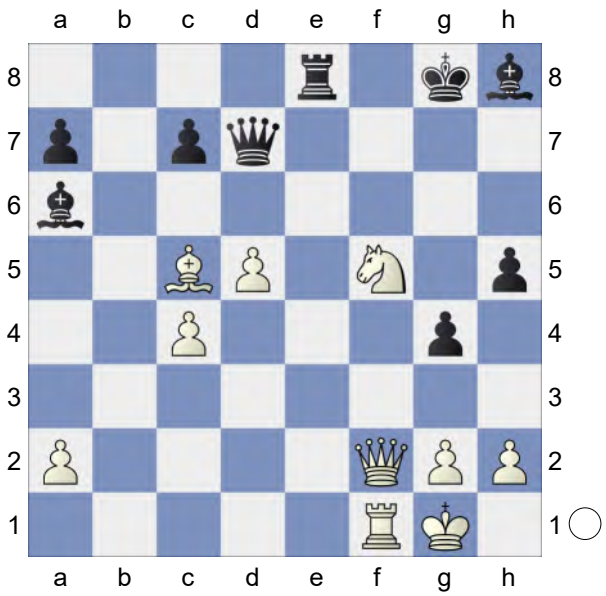
30.Bd4? 0.57/20

[Only move: 30.Ne7+!+- 12.81/19 Rxe7 31.Qf8+ Kh7 32.Bxe7]

30...Rf8? 14.89/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[30...Bxc4± 0.57/20 31.Nh6+ Kh7 32.Qc2+ Kxh6 33.Qxc4 Bxd4+ 34.Qxd4 Kh7]

31.Nh6+ Kh7 32.Qxf8 White wants to



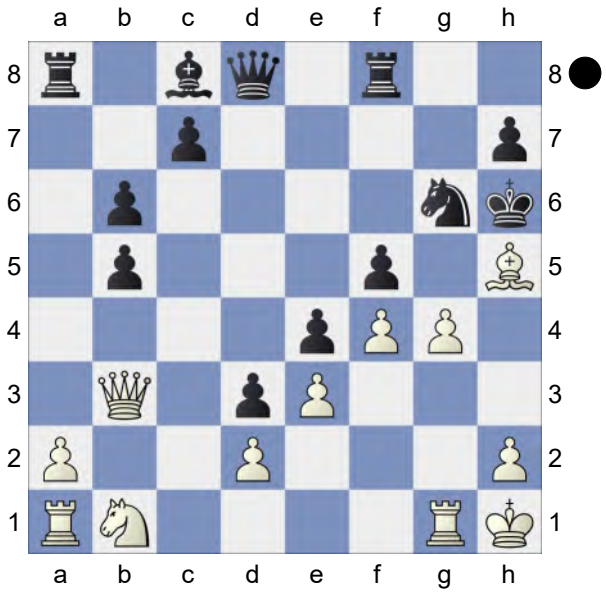
mate with Qg8+. **32...Bxd4+ 33.Kh1 Kg6 34.Nf5** White mates. **34...Bxc4 35.Qg8+ Bg7 36.Nh4+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.77
1-0

A09

□ **Idani,P** **2604**
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2448**
Aeroflot Open A 2019 (6.23) 24.02.2019
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5 Black has compensation. **7.Nc5 b6 8.Nb3N** -0.74/21
[8.Qa4+∓ -0.31/20 Kf7 *(8...c6 9.Nb3 Ne7 10.e3 0-0 11.c5 b5 12.Qa5 Qe8 13.Na3 Nd5 14.Nc2 Be6 15.exd4 e4 16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.Qa3 N7b6 18.Na5 Na4 19.Ba1 Nf4 20.Qg3 Nh5 21.Qd6 Rc8 22.d5 Bxd5 23.Bxb5* Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2653)-Sulskis,S (2544) Tromso 2014 CI1-130 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (53) *)*
9.Nb3 *(9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 19.0-0-0 Bxe2 20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Rde1 Nxc5* 0-1 (21) Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] *)*]
[8.Nd3 Ne7 *(8...Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 23.Be2* Gardon,E (2724)-5. ♘g5 e6 6. ♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2604) Malmö 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] ½-½ (42) *Ng5 24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2 Qh3 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6 33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3 Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 36.Ne4 Rxh2 37.Qd1 Rxh1 38.Rxh1* Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42) *)* 9.e3 0-0 10.c5 Ng6 11.h4 Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.a3 Qh4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Re1 Bf7 20.g3 Qg5 21.b5 Na5 22.a4 Rxe1+ Reinderman,D (2575)-Schoppen,C (2395) Dieren 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (46)]
8...Ne7 -0.38/23
[8...Nh6∓ -0.74/21]
9.e3∓ 0-0 10.Be2 d3 11.Bf3 -1.69/21
[11.Bh5∓ -0.70/20]
11...e4↑ Black is on the roll. **12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Bh5 Nbc6** -0.72/15
[13...Kh6!-+ -1.84/17 has better winning chances. White must now

prevent ...Nd7. 14.Nc3 Nd7]
14.b5∓ Ne5 15.f4 Nxc4 16.0-0 -1.43/23
[16.Qc1!∓ -0.69/22 Nd6 17.a4]
16...Kh6 17.Nd4 -1.85/20
[17.Nc3∓ -1.28/24]
17...Nd6 -0.50/27
[Better is 17...a6!-+ -1.85/20 Threatens to win with ...Nd6. 18.Nc3 axb5 19.Ndxb5 Nxd2! 20.Qxd2 Kxh5 21.g4+ Kh6]
18.Kh1 a6! 19.g4 Nxb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Rg1 -2.22/21
[21.g5+∓ -0.91/20 Kg7 22.Qb3]
21...Ng6? 0.06/18
[Black should try 21...fxg4!-+ -2.22/21 22.Bxg4 b4 23.Bxc8 Qxc8]
22.Qb3? -2.14/13
[22.g5+= 0.06/18 and White has nothing to worry. Kg7 23.Qb3]

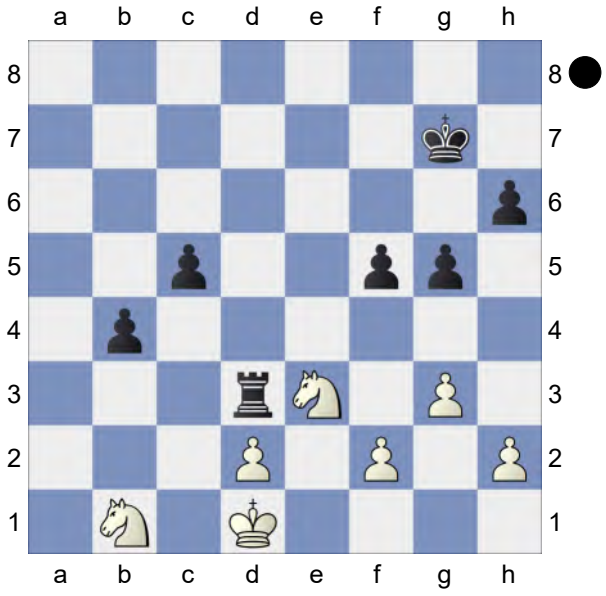


22...fxg4? -0.59/15
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.49
[22...Nxf4!-+ -2.14/13 23.exf4 e3]
½-½

A09
□ **Polak,T** **2528**
■ **Mazur,Ste** **2430**
TCh-SVK 2021-22 (2.6) 24.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qb3 e5N
[4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 *(5...h6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.g3 b5 11.Qc2 c5 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.cxb5 Rc8 14.Bg2 Nb3 15.Qxc8 Nxc8 16.axb3 0-0 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.0-0 Qxb5 20.Rfc1* Schunk,E (2541)-Castro Salguero,R (2508) Oslo NOR 2022 CBM 008 [Adorjan,Andras] 1-0 (34)*)* 6.Nh3 *(6.d3 Bh6 7.f4 exf4 8.h4 Nc6 9.b5 Nce7 10.c5 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qxe6 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Na3 0-0-0 15.Nc2 Ne3 16.Nxe3 fxe3 17.g4 Bf4 18.Bb2 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5* Howell,D (2663)-Navara,D (2719) chess24.com INT 2020 [David Cummings] 0-1 (39)*)* 6...Ne7 7.g3 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.d3 h6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nd6 Be6 13.Nxb7 Qc7 14.Na5 Rab8 15.Bd2 f5 16.f3 c5 17.b5 Ng6 18.Nf2 Nf6 19.Nc6 Duda,J (2732)-Klimkowski,J (2531) Chess.com INT 2024 0-1 (38)]
5.Nxe5 Bg7 6.Nd3 a5 7.g3 axb4 8.Bg2 Ne7 9.Bb2 -0.40/23
[9.Nxb4= 0.09/21 Nd7 10.d3]
9...Na6 0.25/21
[9...Bd7∓ -0.40/23 10.Qxb4 *(10.Bxb7 Ra5∓)* 10...0-0]
10.a3= bxa3 11.Nxa3
[11.Bxa3 0-0=]
11...0-0 12.Nc2
[12.Bxb7? Rb8 13.0-0 Bxb7-+]
12...Nc6 13.0-0 &Bianco is more active.

13...Re8 14.Rfe1 Qd6 15.Qb5 h6 16.c5 0.17/20
[White should play 16.Bd5± 0.71/21]
16...Qe6! 17.e3 0.00/37
[17.Bxc6± 0.37/23 deserves consideration. bxc6 18.Qa4]
17...Bd7! 18.exd4
[18.Qxb7 Ra7 19.Bxc6 *(19.Qb5 Rb8∓)* 19...Rxb7 20.Bxb7 Qb3! 21.Bxa6 Qxc2∓]
18...Nxd4 19.Nxd4
[But not 19.Qxb7 Ne2+ 20.Kf1 Bxb2 21.Nxb2 *(21.Qxb2 Rab8=)* 21...Rab8 22.Rxa6 Qf5±]
19...Qxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Bxb5 22.Nxb5 aiming for Bxg7. **22...c6 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Nc3 Nxc5 25.Kf1 Nb3** Black has compensation. **26.Ke2 b5 27.Nc2 Rd8 28.Nb1**
[Of course not 28.d4 Nxd4+ 29.Nxd4 Rxd4∓]
28...c5 29.Bc6 b4 30.Bb5 f5 31.Bc4 -0.61/25
[31.d3= 0.00/26]
31...Nc1+!∓ 32.Kd1 Nd3 33.Bxd3 Rxd3 34.Ne3 -1.67/26
[34.Ne1∓ -0.85/23 Rd8 35.Kc1]



34...f4 -0.18/30
[34...Kf6!-+ -1.67/26 And now ...Ke6 would win. 35.Kc2 c4]
35.Kc2= Rd8
[35...fxe3? 36.Kxd3 exf2 37.Ke2+-]
36.gxf4 gxf4 37.Ng2 Kf6 -0.19/22
[Black should try 37...Kf7∓ -1.07/24]
38.d3! The position is equal. **38...Rg8 39.Nxf4 Ke5 40.Nh3 Kf5** White must now prevent ...Rg2. **41.Nd2 Rg4** Hoping for ...Rh4. **42.Nf1 Ke5 43.Ne3 Rh4 44.Ng1 Rf4** Against Nf3+ **45.f3 h5 46.Nc4+ Kd5 47.Nd2 Rf8 48.Ne2 Ra8 49.Nc4** Strongly threatening Nb6+. **49...Ra2+ 50.Nb2 Ra1 51.Nf4+ Kd4 52.Nxh5 Rh1 53.Ng3 Rxh2+ 54.Kb3 Rf2 55.Nf5+ Ke5** ...Rxb2+ is the strong threat. **56.Ne3** Threatens to win with Ng4+. **56...Rxf3 57.Nec4+ Kd4 58.Nd6 Rf6 59.Ndc4 Rf1 60.Kc2 Rf2+ 61.Kb3 Rf1 62.Kc2 Rf2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

A09
□ **Voicu,C** **2264**
■ **Aronian,L** **2742**
World Rapid Team 2023 (2.6) 26.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.h3N
[5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Nd3 *(8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7*

13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 19.0-0-0 Bxe2 20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Rde1 Nxc5 0-1 (21) Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] *)* 8...Ne7 *(8...Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 23.Be2* Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42) *)* 9.e3 0-0 10.c5 Ng6 11.h4 Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.a3 Qh4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Re1 Bf7 Reinderman,D (2575)-Schoppen,C (2395) Dieren 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (46)]

5...e5 6.d3! h5 0.03/19
[6...f5∓ -0.31/24 deserves consideration.]

7.g3!= b6 8.Bg2 Threatens to win with Nxe5! The position is equal. **8...Bb7! 9.Nh4** -0.72/20 **Qc8∓ 10.Qa4+** -1.65/22
[10.Nf3!∓ -0.60/21]

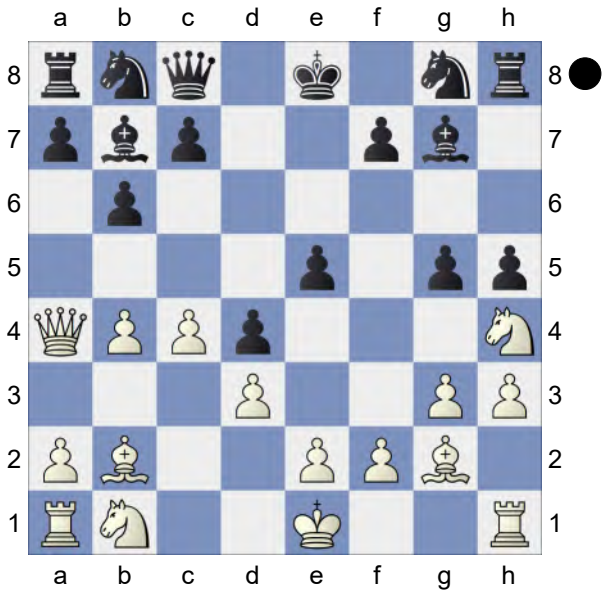
(Diagram)

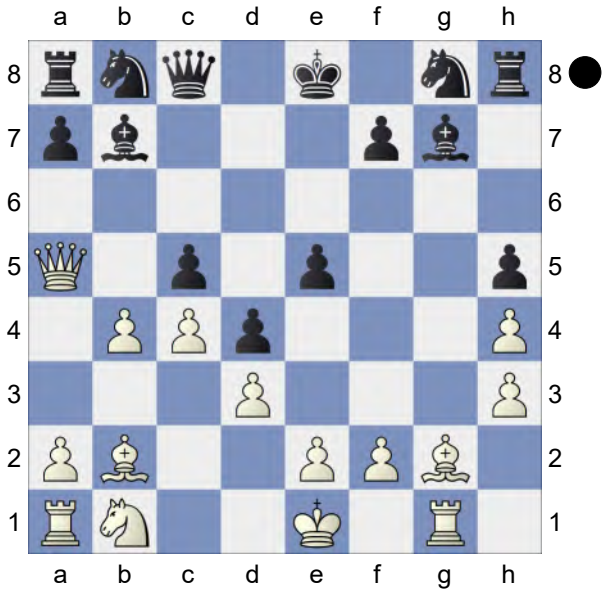
White is on the road to losing. **10...b5!-+ 11.Qxb5+ c6 12.Qa5 gxh4 13.gxh4** -2.51/21
[⌓13.Nd2 -1.84/18]

13...c5 14.Rg1

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent Bxb7. **14...Bxg2 15.Rxg2 Bh6 16.Qxc5 Qxc5 17.bxc5**





Nc6 18.Nd2 Nf6 19.Nf3 Rb8 20.Ba3 Nd7 21.Ng5 Rg8 aiming for ...f6. **22.Kf1 Ke7 23.Rg3 f6 24.Ne4 Bf4 25.Rg2 Ke6 26.Re1 Rxg2 27.Kxg2 Rg8+ 28.Kf3 f5 29.Nd6** -6.69/22
[⌓29.Ng3 -4.67/21]

29...Bd2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.11 (very precise)

0-1

A09
□ **Chigaev,M** **2637**
■ **Iljin,T** **2335**
ch-RUS Blitz 2022 (9.10) 14.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

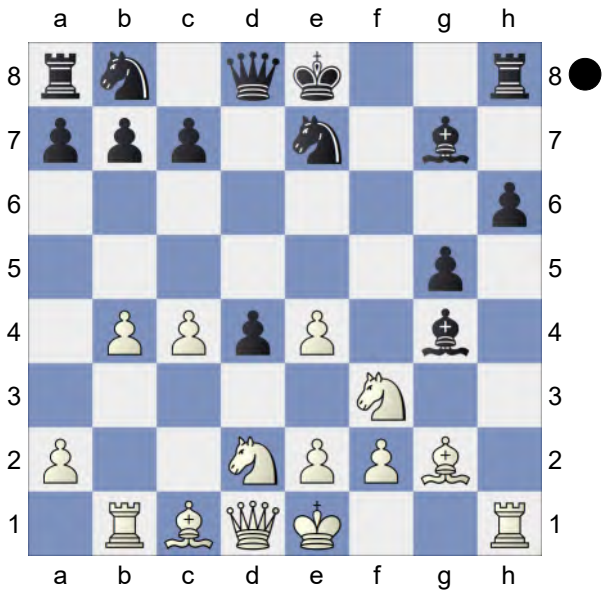
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.g3 Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. The position is equal. **8...f5N**
[8...0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 -0.17/22 *(⌓11.Nfd2* 0.23/21 *)* 11...dxe3!= 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 0.17/23 *(⌓13...f5* -0.29/20 *)* 14.dxe4= Black must now prevent Nfd4. Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 -0.24/29 *(⌓17.Bf1* 0.25/22 *)* 17...Rad8= 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 Threatens to win with ...Rd1+. 20.Kh2 -0.74/23 *(20.Bxa7∓* -0.33/27 *b5 21.Nxc6 Rd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 23.Kh2 Bxc4 24.Nfd4)* 20...c5!∓ 21.bxc5 Rc8 -0.17/25 Inhibits c6. *(21...Nb8!∓* -0.63/27 *)* 22.c6!= bxc6 23.Nd4 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 -0.91/25 *(25.Nc3∓* -0.44/22 *)* 25...g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 0.00/29 *(*Black should play *27...Nb8∓* -0.66/24 *)* 28.Bxg4= Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 Prevents f3. 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5? 1.73/24 *(31...Nb8=* -0.15/25 and Black is okay.*)* 32.Nd5+- Kg7 3.09/26 Against Nf6 *(⌓32...Bg6* 2.06/21 *)* 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 1.11/29 *(40.f4+-* 2.38/24 and White stays clearly on top.*)* 40...Kf6± 41.Kf2 Ke6 1.58/28 *(⌓41...Bd1* 1.21/30 *42.Ke3 Ke7 43.Nc6+ Ke6 44.Nd8+ Ke7)* 42.Ke3 0.83/28 *(* Better is *42.Ke2!* 1.58/28 *)* 42...Kd7 1.74/32 *(42...Bd1±* 0.83/28 *43.Bh2 Kf6)* 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 1.13/29 *(⌓44.Be5* 1.49/31 *)* 44...Bc6± 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 1.84/27 *(46...Bg2±* 0.91/27 keeps fighting. *47.Ke3 Ke7)* 47.Ke3 1.29/25 *(*White should try *47.g5+-* 1.84/27 *)* 47...Bb1 2.35/25 *(47...Bg2±* 1.29/25 *48.Ng5 Bf1)* 48.Ne5++- Kc7? 3.87/25 *(48...Ke6* 2.35/28 *49.Nc6 Bg6 50.Nxa7 Kf7)* 49.g5+- Kb6 5.75/28 *(⌓49...Kb7* 3.74/28 *50.g6 Bf5)* 50.g6 Ka5? 5.91/25 *(50...Bf5* 3.69/25 *51.g7 Be6)* 51.Nd3 White wants to mate with g7. Ba2 52.Nb2 g7 would kill now. Bb1 53.g7 3.14/23 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81) *(⌓53.Nd3* 6.88/27 *Ba2 54.Bg5)* 53...Bh7 54.Bd6 Kb6 55.Kf4 Kc6 56.Ke5 Bg8 57.a4 Kd7 58.Bf8 Kc6 59.Kf6 Kd7 60.a5 Ke8 61.Na4 Bxc4 62.Bxc5 Bg8 63.Bxa7 Bb3 64.Nc5 Nxc5 65.Bxc5 Kd7 66.a6 Kc6 67.Ke7 Kc7 68.Ba7 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Kc8 69.Kd6 Bg8 70.Kc6 Ba2 71.Kb6 Bg8 72.Kc5 Bf7 73.Kd6 Bg8 74.Ke7 Kc7 75.Kf8 Ba2 76.g8Q Bxg8 77.Kxg8 Kc6 78.Be3 Kc7 79.Kf7 Kb8 80.Ba7+ Kxa7 81.Ke6 Kxa6 ½-½ (81) Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko]]
9.g4 -0.70/21

[9.0-0= -0.04/23 remains equal.]
[9.0-0= -0.09/25]

9...e4
[9...fxg4?! -0.36/23 9...Ng6 -0.78 10.hxg4 Bxg4 11.Nh2=]
[9...fxg4?! 10.hxg4 Bxg4 11.Qa4+ Kf7 12.Ne4=]

10.dxe4 fxg4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 White must now prevent ...d3. And now ...d3 would win.
[11...d3 keeps more tension. 12.e5 Nbc6 13.Qb3 dxe2 14.b5! Nd4]
[11...d3 looks sharper. 12.e5 Nbc6 13.Qb3 dxe2 14.b5 Nd4]

12.Rb1 -0.85/20
[12.Nb3∓ -0.44/21]
[12.Nb3∓ -0.47/21 was preferrable.]



12...Ng6 -0.32/17
[Black should play 12...0-0!∓ -0.92/20]
[12...0-0!∓ -0.85/20]

13.Nb3!∓ Nf4? 1.74/21
[13...Bxf3∓ -0.50/23 14.Bxf3 Strongly threatening Bh5. 0-0]
[13...Bxf3∓ -0.31/22 stays ahead. 14.Bxf3 0-0]

14.Bxf4+- gxf4 15.b5 1.07/23
[15.Nbxd4 Nc6±]
[15.e5+- 1.82/23]
[15.Nbxd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 bxc6±]
[15.Qd3+- 1.85/23]

15...Nd7 Against e5 **16.Nbxd4** 0.31/21
[16.c5± 1.23/21]
[16.c5± 1.08/20]

16...Nc5 0.76/25
[16...Qe7!= 0.27/21]
[16...Qe7!± 0.31/21]

17.Nf5 -0.34/26
[17.e5± 0.84/23]
[17.e5± 0.76/25]

17...Bc3+∓ A strong pair of Bishops. This bishop pair is nice. **18.Kf1** aiming for Qc1. **18...Qf6?** 3.08/24
[18...Nxe4∓ -0.31/22 19.N5h4 -1.58/22 (White has to play *19.Bh3∓* -0.42/22 *Bxf3 20.exf3 Nd2+ 21.Kg2 Nxb1 22.Qxb1*) 19...Qe7]
[18...Nxe4= -0.26/26 19.N5h4 Qe7]

19.Qd5+- Ne6 20.Qxb7
[20.Rd1? -3.29/20 20.Bh3 3.33 Rd8 21.b6 Hoping for Qxd8+. Rxd5-+]
[Don't go for 20.Rd1? Rd8 21.b6 Rxd5-+]

20...Kf7? 5.04/21
[20...Rd8 3.12/20 is a better defense. 21.Bh3 *(21.Qxa7? 0.31/20 21.Bh3 2.99 Bxf5 22.exf5 Qxf5±)* 21...h5 22.Qxa7 Bxf3 23.exf3 Bd4 Prevents b6. 24.Nxd4 Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Nxd4]
[20...Rd8 3.37/20 might work better. 21.Bh3 *(21.Qxa7 Bxf5 22.exf5 Qxf5±)* 21...Bxf3 22.exf3 h5 23.Qxa7 Bd4]

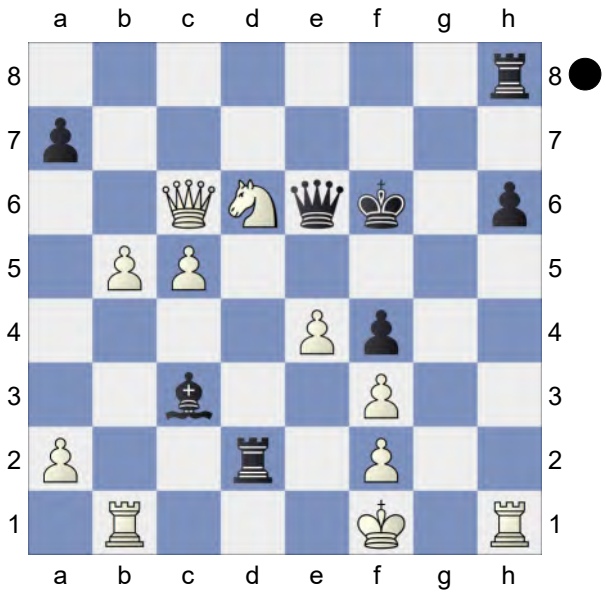
21.Bh3 Bxf3 22.exf3 And now Nd6+ would win. Chess con chili. Really sharp!
22...Rad8 Prevents Nd6+. Inhibits Nd6+.
23.c5 Rd2 24.Nd6+ Ke7 Threatens to win with ...Rxf2+! **25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.Qxc7+ Kf6** 7.03/20 (-> ...Rxf2+!)

[⌓26...Qd7 4.78/20 27.b6 Qxc7 28.bxc7 Kd7]

27.Qc6?? -#9/16

[27.Rc1+- 5.56/17 Rxa2 28.e5+ *(28.Rxc3?* 0.00/32 28.Rh2 7.44 *Ra1+ 29.Ke2 Qa2+ 30.Kd3* Intending Ne8+! and mate. *Rxh1=)* 28...Bxe5 29.Rg1 *(29.Re1?* 2.14/20 29.Rg1 7.30 *Qc4+ 30.Nxc4 Bxc7+-)* 29...Rxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Bd4+ 31.Kf1 Bxg1 32.Ne4+ *(32.Kxg1?* -6.07/24 32.Ne4+ 7.47 *Qe3+ 33.Kf1* White threatens Qf7+ and mate. *Qxc1+ 34.Ke2 Qe3+ 35.Kd1* aiming for Qf7+. *Qxf3+ 36.Kc2 Qd5-+* Prevents Qf7+.*)* 32...Kg6 33.Kxg1]

[27.Rc1+- 7.03/20]



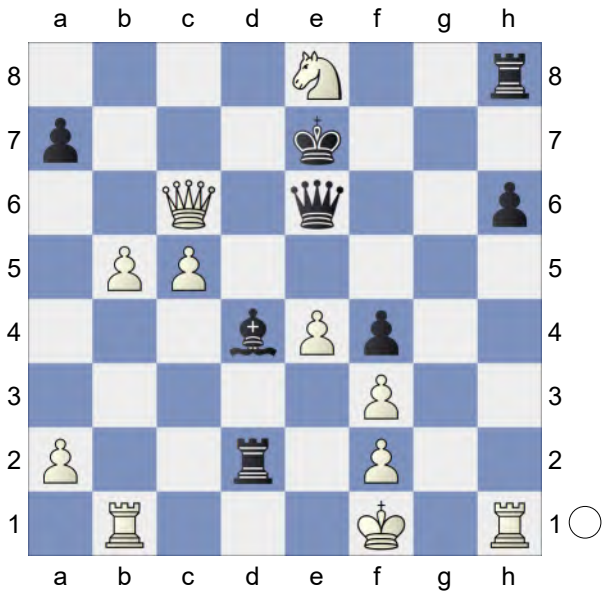
27...Bd4?? 6.22/20

[27...Rxf2+! -#9/12 avoids the disaster. 28.Kxf2 Qxa2+ 29.Kf1 Qxb1+ 30.Kf2 Qc2+ 31.Kf1 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Rg8+ 33.Kh2 Qe2+ 34.Kh3 Qxf3+ 35.Kh4 Qxh1#]

[27...Rxf2+! -#9/16 and all is fine. 28.Kxf2 Qxa2+ 29.Kf1 Qxb1+ 30.Kf2 Qc2+ 31.Kf1 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Rg8+ 33.Kh2 Qe2+ 34.Kh3 Qxf3+ 35.Kh4 Qxh1#]

28.e5+

[Not 28.Ne8+ 2.47/25 28.e5+ 5.45 Ke7



29.Qxe6+! Kxe6±]

[Weaker is 28.Ne8+ Ke7 29.Qxe6+ Kxe6±]

28...Ke7 29.Qc7+ Kf8 30.Qd8+ White mates. White mates. **30...Kg7 31.Rg1+ Kh7 32.Qc7+** White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=1.12. Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=1.10

1-0

A09

□ **Remizov,Yaroslav** **2403**

■ **Kryakvin,D** **2594**

Panchenko Mem Open A 2020 (5.18)

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

AN OPENING INNOVATION ON THE 3RD MOVE! The starting point of our

study will be the position after 1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4. For chess players of any level there is always the question: on the basis of which criteria should they choose one or other variation or move when constructing their opening repertoire? Should they rely solely on their own tastes and experience? Should they consider the conclusions of tournament praxis and statistics of wins and losses? Can this be considered as a criterion at all? Could they base their choices on those of a top player and strictly follow his ways? And what if the choice is unclear or they seem not to fully comprehend it? Or if there are no games in that line? Of course, the easiest thing to do is turn on the computer engine for any desired move, allow it to reach an acceptable depth and consider the problem solved. If the computer takes everything into account and makes the necessary calculations, then it⇗s playable! But, isn⇗t it the case that in its first 2-3 lines, the computer notoriously always chooses the best moves? Even more so, isn⇗t this the case even if the position is messy and without a clear solution? But what about the early stage of the opening, as in our topic here, where the number of acceptable alternatives exceeds those two or three top lines? With all this in mind, I recall a case from my own experience, dating back to March 2005. I set up a training session with a young Russian grandmaster, who was reputed to be an expert in the Scandinavian Defense; he had played thousands of games with it on the Internet. We began to study the basics of that unknown to me super-opening, and in a well-known theoretical position, somewhere in the region of ??moves 11-12, I suggested one move which my theoretical mentor or had not considered at all in his file. The course of his thoughts and reaction to my idea was the following: ⊕So, let⇗s have a look in the database - the move has not been played so far; against me... there⇗s nothing, neither over the board nor on the Internet; it is not included in the first three lines of Fritz; therefore we should not take it into consideration⊞! The above ⇔logic⇗ is quite anecdotal. Still, consciously or not, it has been followed by many more people than they themselves care to admit. It remains to add that my proposed move, after further testing, proved so successful that my colleague soon ceased to employ this particular line and, eventually, the whole opening entirely. **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4 f5!** Black has compensation. **7.Nc5 b6 8.Qa4+** Black is slightly better.

[8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) chess24.com 2018 [David Cummings] ½-½ (42) 23.Be2 Ng5 24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2 Qh3 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6 33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3 Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 36.Ne4 Rxh2 37.Qd1 Rxh1 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

8...Kf7 9.Nd3 Nh6N 0.40/18

[9...c5∓ -0.38/18]

[9...Ne7 10.Qb3 *(10.h4 Bb7 11.e3*

Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 19.0-0-0 Bxe2 20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Rde1 Nxc5 0-1 (21) Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] *)* 10...a5 11.b5 Bb7 12.e3 Re8 13.Na3 Ng6 14.h4 a4 15.Qc2 e4 16.h5 exd3 17.hxg6+ hxg6 18.Bxd3 c5 19.0-0-0 Nd7 20.f3 Qg5 21.Rh7 Qxg2 22.exd4 Bxf3 23.dxc5 Ne5 24.Rxg7+ Zhou,G (2166)-Livner (2236) ICCF corr 2016 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (35)]

[9...Bb7 10.e3 Ne7 11.exd4 exd4 12.Na3 Re8 13.0-0-0 Nd7 Podmoskovnie Vechera-By Morozevich [Morozevich,Alexander]]

10.f4 -0.42/20

[10.c5!± 0.40/18]

10...exf4 0.38/18

[10...e4∓ -0.42/20 11.Ne5+ Bxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4]

11.Nxf4± Re8 12.Na3 Ng4 0.72/22

[12...c5± 0.34/18 might be stronger.]

13.Qb3 0.30/20

[Better is 13.g3± 0.72/22]

13...Be5? 1.89/19

[13...c5!= 0.30/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

14.g3!+- Bxf4 15.gxf4 aiming for Bg2.

15...d3 3.01/20

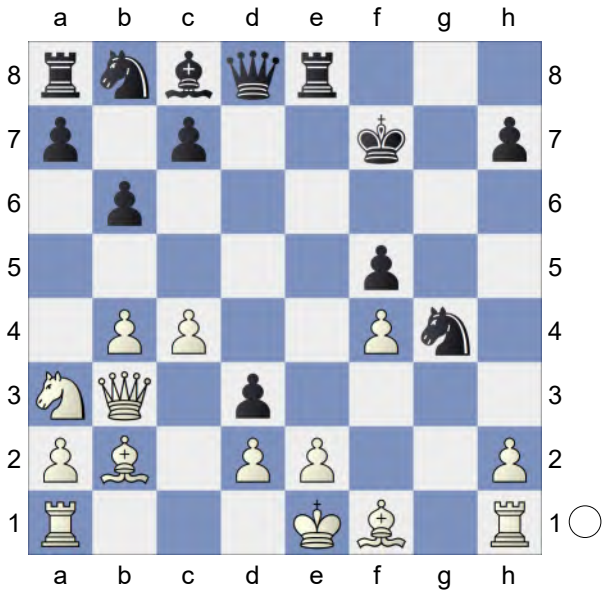
[15...Na6 1.92/18 was called for.]

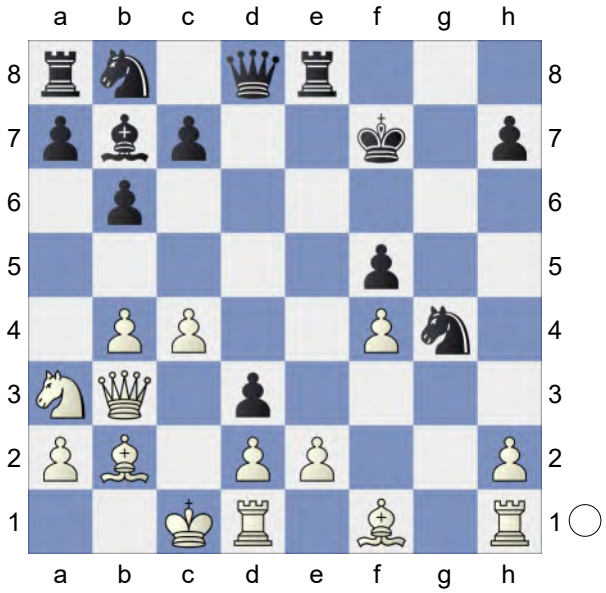
(Diagram)

16.0-0-0!

[Inferior is 16.Qc3 Qh4+ 17.Kd1 Nf2+ 18.Kc1 Rg8 19.exd3 *(19.Qe5 Nxh1 20.exd3 c6∓)* 19...Nxh1∓]

16...Bb7





17.c5+! Bd5 3.88/18

[⌓17...Re6 2.62/21]

18.Qxd3 Bxh1 19.Qxf5+ Nf6 20.e4 Rxe4 21.Bc4+ Discovered Attack

21...Rxc4+ 22.Nxc4 Be4 23.Ne5+

[Less strong is 23.Bxf6 Bxf5 24.Bxd8 Na6=]

23...Ke7 24.Qg5 White wants to mate with Qg7+. Dancing on a razor blade.

24...Qg8 Against Qg7+ **25.Re1 Na6?** 6.20/23

[25...Qxg5 3.13/21 26.fxg5 Bd5]

26.Nc6+ Deflection. White is clearly

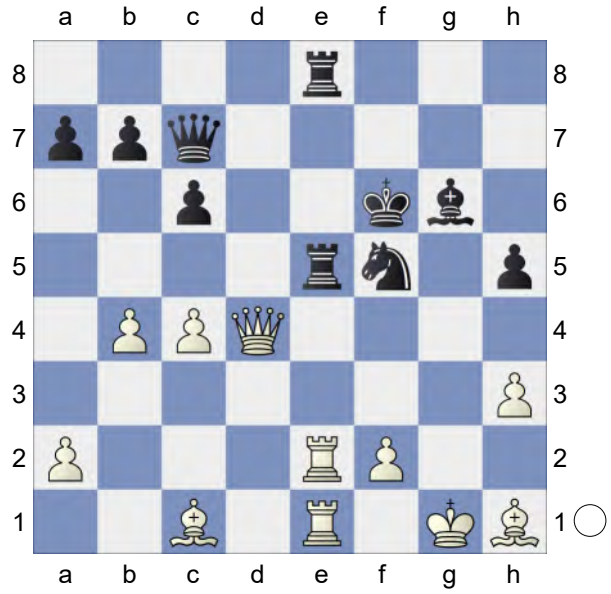
winning. **26...Kd7** Hoping for ...Qc4+. **27.Qxf6** Qe7+ is the strong threat. **27...Qc4+ 28.Bc3** Black must now prevent Ne5+. **28...Kc8 29.Ne7+** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

A09
□ **Brodowski,P** **2451**
■ **Szpar,Milosz** **2434**
PGNiG POL Cup Elblag KO rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

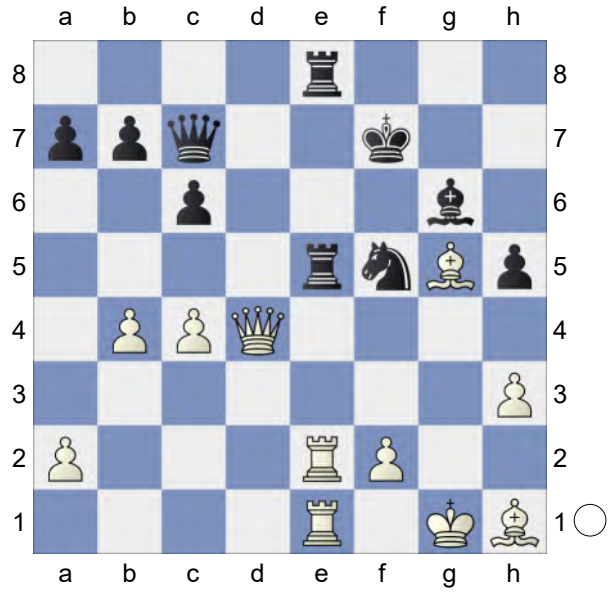
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3 h6 5.d3 Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...Be6N**
[8...0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 Levitina,I (2703)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Bxe4+ 35.f3 Bxd3 36.Kf2 Rb8 37.g4 Rb2+ 38.Kg3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari,A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81) Rc2 39.Rxc2 Bxc2 40.Bf4 Kf6 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Kd2 Ba4 44.Nb7 Bc6 45.Nd6 Bxf3 46.Nxf7 Be4 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.Ne5+ Kc7 49.g5 Kb6 50.g6 Ka5 51.Nd3 Ba2 52.Nb2 Bb1 53.g7 Anton Guijarro,D (2703)-Urkedal,F (2558) Chess.com INT 2020 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (81)]
9.Nb3 Nd7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Qd2 c6 -0.08/21
[11...b6∓ -0.47/24 feels stronger.]
12.e4 -0.80/22
[12.0-0= -0.08/21 remains equal.]
12...dxe3 13.Qxe3 Qc7 -0.16/20
[Better is 13...a5∓ -0.80/24]
14.0-0= Ng6 15.Qe2 Rae8 16.Rae1 f5
[16...e4 with more complications. 17.Nfd4 exd3 18.Qxd3 Nde5]
17.Qc2 Kh7 18.Re2 Re7 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Nfd2 h5 0.87/23
[20...b6= 0.13/21]
21.Nf3± Bf6 22.Bc1! f4 23.d4 Bf7 24.dxe5
[24.gxf4 looks sharper. gxf4 25.Nbd2 exd4 26.Ne4]
24...Ndxe5 25.gxf4 0.06/26
[25.Nfd2!± 0.87/22]
25...gxf4 26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Nc5 Kg7? 1.92/19
[27...Rxe2= 0.30/19 28.Rxe2 Rxe2 29.Qxe2 Qe5 30.Qxe5 Bxe5]
28.Ne4!+-
[Stronger than 28.Bb2 Rxe2 29.Rxe2 *(29.Bxf6+ Kxf6 30.Rxe2 Rxe2=)* 29...Rxe2 30.Bxf6+ *(30.Qxe2 Bxb2 31.Qxb2+ Qe5=)* 30...Kxf6=]
28...f3 3.01/22
[⌓28...R5e6 1.82/21 29.Nxf6 Kxf6 30.Rxe6+ Rxe6 31.Bb2+ Kg5]
29.Bxf3 Nh4 30.Bh1 Bg6 31.Nxf6 Kxf6 6.69/19
[⌓31...Rxe2 4.49/23 32.Rxe2 Rxe2 33.Qxe2 Kxf6 34.Qb2+ Kf5]
32.Qc3 Kf5 33.Qd3+ 8.22/20
[⌓33.Bb2 #21/18 Kf6 34.Rxe5 Qxe5 35.Rxe5 Kf7 36.Ra5 Re7 37.Rxa7

Nf5 38.Bxc6!]

33...Kf6 34.Qd4 Nf5



35.Bg5+! Kf7



36.Rxe5! Nxd4 37.Rxe8 Nf5 Inhibits R8e7+. **38.R8e5 Qd6 39.Be4 Nd4** 6.09/21

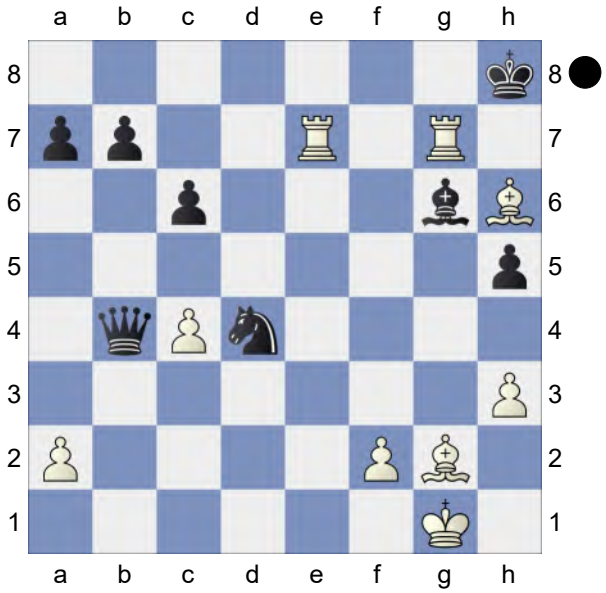
[39...Qxe5 3.02/22 40.Bd5+ Qxd5 41.cxd5 cxd5]

40.Re7+

[Weaker is 40.c5 Qxe5 41.Bxg6+ Kxg6±]

40...Kf8 41.Bg2 Qxb4 42.Bh6+ Kg8 White must now prevent ...Nf5. **43.Rg7+ Kh8 44.Ree7** -0.42/19

[44.Rd1+- 2.59/28 Qd6 45.Rxd4! Qxd4 46.Rxg6]



44...Nf5↑ Black is more active. Dancing on a razor blade. **45.Rxb7 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Nxg7** 0.00/26

[46...Qe6!∓ -0.46/23 47.Rxg6 *(47.Rb8+ Be8=)* 47...Qxg6]

47.Bxg7+= A strong pair of Bishops. **47...Kg8 48.Bd4** Strongly threatening Rg7+. **48...Qe6** Threatens to win with ... Qd6+. **49.c5** Inhibits Qd6+. **49...Be4** aiming for ...Bxg2.

[49...a5!?]

50.Bxe4 -1.42/21

[50.Rxa7= 0.00/27 was the only way to keep the balance. Qd5 51.Bxe4 Qxd4 52.Bxc6]

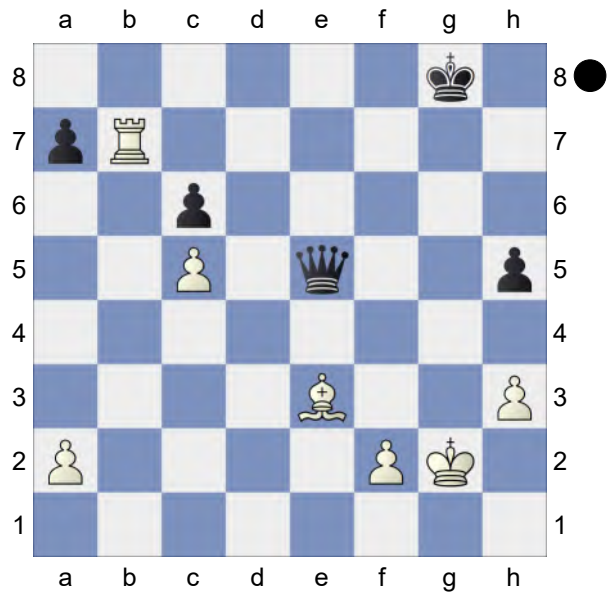
50...Qxe4 Endgame KQ-KRB **51.Be3 Qe5+! 52.Kg2**

(Diagram)

Qd5+! 53.Kh2? -2.99/22

[53.Kg3∓ -1.44/22]

53...Qxa2-+ 54.Rc7 Qa4 55.Kg3 -3.80/21



[55.Rc8+ -2.59/22 is a better defense. Kg7 56.Rc7+ Kg6 57.Rd7]

55...a5 56.Bf4 Qa3+ 57.Be3 Qa4 58.Bf4 Qe4 59.Bd6 h4+ 60.Kh2 Qf5 61.Kg2 a4 62.Ra7 Qe4+ 63.Kh2 Qc2 64.Kg2 Qb3 65.f4 Qg3+ 66.Kf1 Qxh3+ 67.Ke2 Qg2+ 68.Ke3 h3 ...h2 is the strong threat. **69.f5 h2 70.f6 Qg1+ 71.Kd3 Qf1+ 72.Kc2 h1Q** -#20/19 Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.50

[72...Qf2+-+ -77.05/27 73.Kd3 h1Q 74.f7+

(Diagram)

Qxf7! 75.Rxf7 Kxf7 76.Ke3 Qe1+ 77.Kf4 Ke6 78.Kg4 a3 79.Bf8 a2 80.Bg7 Qg1+ 81.Kf4 Qxg7 82.Kf3 a1Q 83.Ke2 Qg3 84.Kd2 Qb2+ 85.Kd1 Qg1#]

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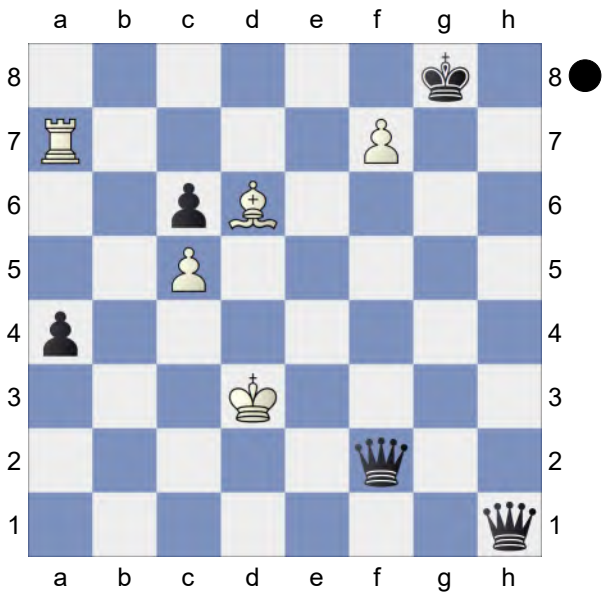


A09

□ **Lammers,Markus** **2336**

■ **Van Foreest,Lucas** **2540**

Bundesliga 2324 (1.2) 21.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...h5N

[4...h6 5.d3 *(5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8* Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016 CI1-130 [Mirkovic, Slobodan] *)* 5...Bg7 6.g3 e5 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nb3 c6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Na6 13.Qd2 e4 14.dxe4 Qxd2 15.Bxd2

Bxa1 16.Rxa1 Be6 17.Na5 Rad8 18.a3 Rd7 19.Be3 Levitina,I (2703)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7_7173 (2558) Bilbao 2020 OPN 78, D44 [Haist,W] ½-½ (81) Rfd8 20.Kh2 c5 21.bxc5 Rc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nd4 c5 24.Nb5 Ne5 25.Rc1 g4 26.Bxh6 gxh3 27.Bxh3 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Be3 Re8 31.Nc3 Bh5 32.Nd5 Kg7 33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Nxd3 Anton Guijarro,D (2679)-Tari, A (2625) Wijk aan Zee 2021 Chess Informant 147 [Tadic,Branko] ½-½ (81)]

5.d3 f6 6.e3 e5 7.a3 Nh6 8.exd4 White is slightly better. **8...exd4 9.Nbd2! Nf5 10.Be2 Be6** 1.31/21

[10...Be7⩲ 0.65/18]

11.Ne4 0.97/23

[⩲11.Nb3 1.31/21]

11...Be7± 12.Bb2 0.26/21

[12.Nfd2± 0.91/20]

12...a5 0.89/21

[12...Nc6= 0.26/21]

13.Nc5 -0.46/21

[13.Ng3!± 0.89/21]

13...Bxc5∓ 14.bxc5 Nc6 15.Nd2 Bf7 0.36/23

[15...Qe7∓ -0.56/19]

16.Rb1 Kf8 17.Bc1 Rb8 18.Ne4 Kg7 19.0-0 Bg6! 20.Bd2 Qf8 1.59/21

[20...Qe8⩲ 0.55/23]

21.Rb5 0.61/25

[21.f4± 1.59/21 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Bxg4]

21...Qf7 0.96/19

[21...Qe8⩲ 0.61/25]

22.Qb3 0.34/23

[22.Bxa5 Nxa5 23.Rxa5 Ne7⩲]

[22.f4± 0.96/19]

22...Nfe7 0.74/19

[22...Qd7!⩲ 0.34/23]

23.Bxa5 -0.25/23

[23.f4± 0.74/19 g4 24.hxg4 *(24.Rxb7 a4∓)*]

23...Nxa5= 24.Rxa5 Nc6 25.Rb5 Qe7 Black has compensation. **26.Qc2?** -1.96/19

[Don't go for 26.Rxb7? Na5 27.Rxb8 Nxb3 28.Rxb3 f5 29.Nxg5 Qxg5-+]

[Better is 26.f4!∓ -0.33/18]

26...f5!-+ 27.Ng3 h4 28.Nh1 Rhe8 -1.22/19

[28...Rbe8-+ -1.71/20 29.Rxb7 Nd8]

29.Rb2 -1.84/19

[29.Bd1∓ -1.22/19]

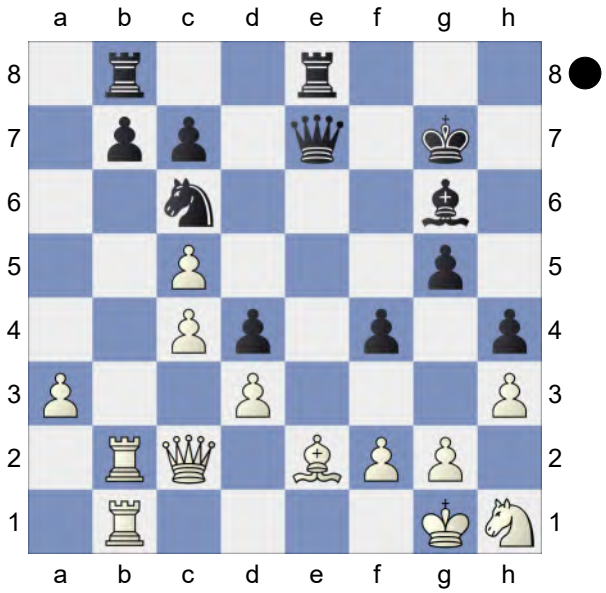
29...f4 -0.79/21

[Worse is 29...Qxc5 30.a4∓]

[29...Nd8-+ -1.84/19 Hoping for ... Ne6. 30.Bf3 Qxc5]

30.Rfb1? -3.80/20

[30.f3∓ -0.79/21]



30...Qxc5? -0.89/20

[30...Qxe2!-+ -3.80/20 is more deadly. 31.Qxe2 Rxe2 32.Rxe2 Bxd3]

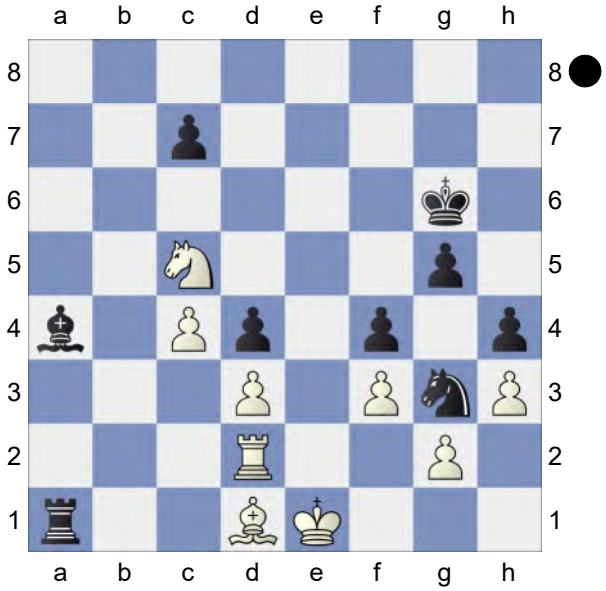
31.Rxb7 -2.32/23

[31.a4∓ -0.89/20 might work better.]

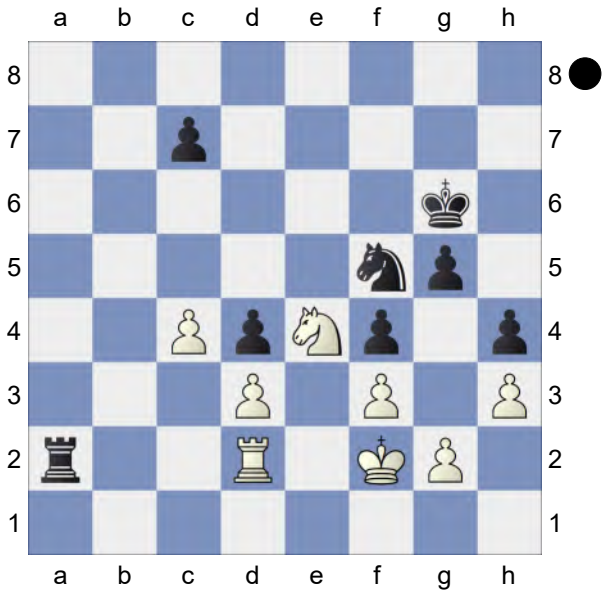
31...Rxb7 32.Rxb7 Qa5 -0.26/20

[32...f3!-+ -1.70/19 33.Rxc7+ Kg8 34.gxf3 *(34.Bxf3? Re1+ 35.Kh2*

Qe5+ 36.g3 Qxc7-+) 34...Qd6]
33.f3= Ne7 34.Nf2 Nf5 35.Qd1! Re3! 36.Ng4 Re7 37.Nf2 Qxa3 38.Ne4 Ng3! 39.Bf1 Kh6 0.00/23 &Nero is more active.
[39...Bxe4∓ -0.76/18 40.fxe4 c6 41.Rxe7+ Qxe7]
40.Qb1 Rf7 41.Qb2? -2.25/21
[41.Rb3= 0.00/26 and White stays safe. Qa6 42.Rb8]
41...Qxb2-+ 42.Rxb2 Rf8 43.Be2 -3.23/28
[⌓43.Nc5 -2.27/23]
43...Ra8! (-> ...Ra1+) **44.Bd1 Ra1 45.Rd2 Be8 46.Kf2 Ba4 47.Ke1 Kg6** -1.47/22
[47...Nf5-+ -2.97/25 and Black stays clearly on top. White must now prevent ...Ne3. 48.Ke2 Bc6]
48.Nc5∓



Bxd1 49.Rxd1 Endgame KRN-KRN
49...Ra5 50.Ne4 Nf5 -0.70/25
[50...Ra3∓ -1.48/28 51.Rd2 Ra1+ 52.Rd1 Ra2]
51.Kf2 -1.60/29
[White should try 51.Rb1∓ -0.70/25]
51...Ra2+ 52.Rd2
(Diagram)



Ra1 Threatens to win with ...Ng3.
53.Rb2? -6.92/25
[53.Re2∓ -1.47/19]
53...Ng3-+ 54.Nd2 Prevents Rf1+.
54...Rd1 55.Ra2 Kf7 56.Rb2 Ke7 57.Ra2 Kd7 58.Rc2 Kd6 59.Rb2 Kc6 60.Ra2 Kb6 -3.63/20
[⌓60...Kc5 -7.35/25 aiming for ...Kb4. 61.Rb2 c6 62.Ne4+ Nxe4+ 63.dxe4 d3]
61.Rc2? -9.33/24
[61.Rb2+ -3.63/20 Kc5 62.Rb5+ Kc6 63.Rb2]
61...Ka5 62.Rb2 Ka4 And now ...Ka3 would win. **63.c5 c6 64.Ra2+ Kb4 65.Rc2 Ka3 66.Nb1+ Rxb1** -21.38/29
[⌓66...Kb3 -#4/21 67.Rc1 Rxc1 68.Nd2+ Kc2 69.Ne4 Rf1#]
67.Ra2+ Kb3 68.Ra3+ Kc2 69.Rc3+ dxc3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.35
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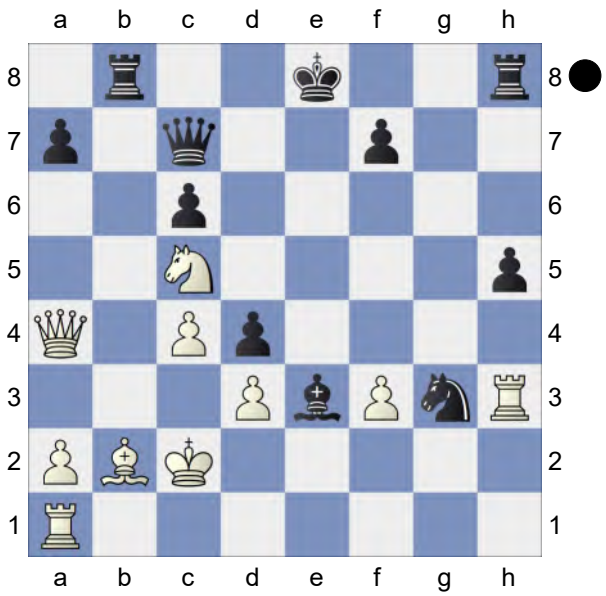
A09
□ **Moiseenko,Vadim** **2529**
■ **Khayrullin,Denis** **2340**
RUS-ch Blitz (7) 14.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...Bd7N
[4...c6 5.Qb3 *(5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 Bg7 7.g3 h5 8.h4 b5 9.cxb5 Qd5 10.Rg1 cxb5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.a4 Nf6 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Ndc4 0-0 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bg2 Nd5 18.Qb3 Nc6 19.b5 Ne5* Markowski,T (2616)-Navara,D (2702) Wroclaw 2011 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (48) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 Section-N,N [Neustroev,Viktor] 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Ludwig,W (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]
5.Qb3 Bg7! 6.Nxg5 e5! 7.d3 -0.51/21
[White should play 7.Qg3= 0.08/22]
7...Bh6!∓ 8.f4 Black is slightly better.
8...exf4 9.Nf3 Bg4 -0.03/18
[9...Nf6∓ -0.40/18]
10.Nbd2!= Ne7 11.g3↑ Black is under pressure. **11...fxg3** 0.46/19
[11...Nf5= -0.08/19]
12.hxg3± Be3 1.29/23
[12...Bg7!± 0.51/20]
13.Bb2 0.00/22
[13.Ne4± 1.29/23 Nd7 14.Bxe3 dxe3 15.Qc3]
13...Nf5= 14.Ne4 Black must now prevent Ne5. **14...Nd7** Inhibits Ne5.
15.Qa4 -0.09/21
[⌓15.Bh3 0.29/21 Bxh3 16.Rxh3]
15...c6 0.34/19
[15...Rg8= -0.09/21]
16.b5? -1.38/21
[16.Bh3± 0.34/19 Rg8 17.Bxg4 Rxg4 18.Rxh7]
16...Qc7? 0.53/22
[16...0-0!∓ -1.38/21 aiming for ...Re8. 17.Nh2 h5 18.Nxg4 hxg4 19.bxc6 bxc6]
17.Bh3? -4.12/21
[17.bxc6± 0.53/22 stays ahead. bxc6 18.Nh2]
17...Bxf3-+ 18.exf3 Nxg3 19.bxc6 bxc6 Hoping for ...Nxe4. **20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Nc5+ Ke8 22.Rh3** -3.75/20
[22.Na6 -2.18/19 Qd7 23.Rh4]
22...h5? -0.52/21
[22...Nf5-+ -3.75/20 And now ...Rg8 would win. 23.Ne4 Rg8]
23.Kd1 -1.88/20
[White has to play 23.Na6!∓ -0.52/21 Qb7 24.Rxg3 Bf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qxb2+ 26.Kg1 Qxa1+ 27.Kh2 Qb2+ 28.Rg2]
23...Rb8 -0.85/21
[23...h4-+ -1.88/20 Threatens to win with ...Nf5. 24.Ba3 Nf5]
24.Kc2

(Diagram)

h4 0.00/22
[24...Qb6!∓ -0.95/21 25.Ba3 Nf5]
25.Ba3 -1.12/21
[25.Na6= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. Rxb2+ 26.Kxb2]
25...Rh6? 2.86/20
[25...Rb6∓ -1.12/21 and life is bright.



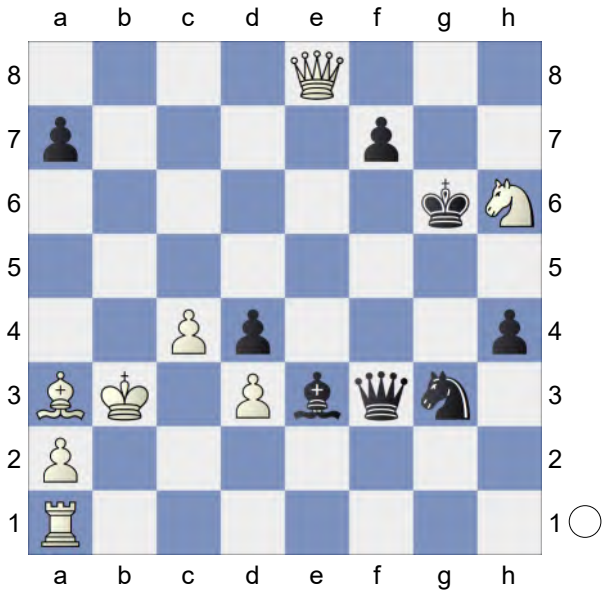
...Nf5 is the strong threat. 26.Re1 Nf5]

26.Na6!+- Qc8 5.00/25

[26...Qe5 2.60/18 is a better defense. 27.Nxb8 Bf4]

27.Nxb8 Qxh3 28.Nxc6 Qg2+ 29.Kb3 Kd7 30.Ne5+ Ke6 31.Qe8+? 0.84/16

[31.Ng4+- 4.50/20 and White stays clearly on top. White threatens Qe8+ and mate. Qxf3 32.Qe8+ *(32.Nxh6 Qb7+ 33.Bb4 Bxh6±)* 32...Kf5 33.Nxh6+ Kg6



34.Ng4! Qxg4 35.Qg8+ Kh5 36.Qh7+ Kg5 37.Be7+ *(37.Qxf7 Qf5+-)* 37...f6 38.Qg7+ Kf4 39.Qxf6+ Qf5 40.c5 Qxf6 41.Bxf6]

31...Kf5± 32.Nxf7 0.00/30

[32.Nd7± 0.70/25 Kf4 33.Bf8 *(33.Qxf7+ Nf5±)*]

32...Rb6+= 33.Bb4 Really sharp!

33...Rxb4+ 34.Kxb4

Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/ Black=0.81. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?

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A09

□ **Fernandez,Dan Sin** **2496**

■ **Willow,Jonah B** **2393**

Wood Green Inv 2022 (8.1) 18.07.2022

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.h4N -0.53/20

[6.Ne4= -0.05/20 f5 7.Nc5 b6 *(7...Nf6 8.g3 Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.b5 c5 13.e3 e4 14.Nf4 d3 15.f3* Roos-Dgebuadze,A Las Palmas 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.Nd3 *(8.Qa4+ Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.h4 Bb7 11.e3 Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 a5 14.b5 Be4 15.exd4 exd4 16.c5 Bxd3 17.Qb3+ Nd5 18.Qxd5+ Kf8 19.0-0-0 Bxe2 20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Rde1 Nxc5* 0-1 (21) Rajchovski,L-Mikanovic,S chess.com INT 2017 CBM 045 ext [Peter Wells & Richard Palliser] *)* 8...Ne7 *(8...Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 23.Be2*

Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)) 9.e3 0-0 10.c5 Ng6 11.h4 Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6 15.0-0 Nd5 16.a3 Qh4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Re1 Bf7 20.g3 Qg5 21.b5 Reinderman,D (2575)-Schoppen,C (2395) Dieren 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (46)]

6...h6!∓ Black has compensation. **7.Ne4 f5 8.Nc5** Black is slightly better. **8...b6** -0.22/19

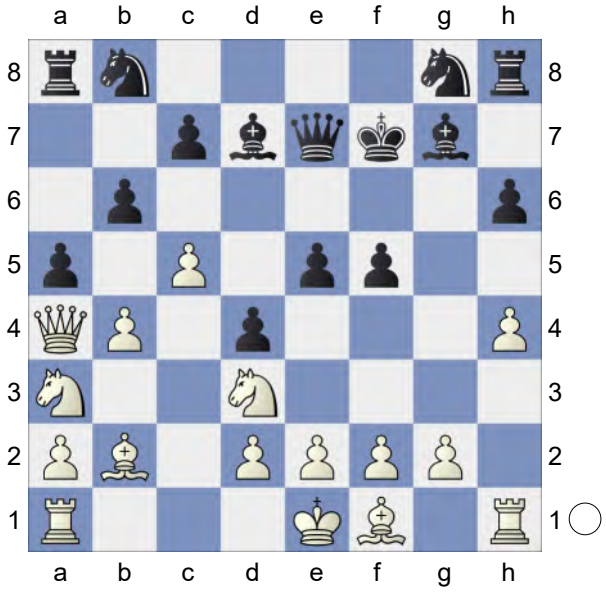
[8...Nf6!∓ -0.70/19]

9.Nd3= Qe7 10.Qa4+ Kf7 11.c5 a5 0.80/21

[11...Nf6!∓ -0.34/19 keeps the upper hand.]

12.Na3↑ cxb6 is the strong threat. White is on the roll. **12...Bd7?** 2.51/19

[12...Nf6± 0.89/20]



Loses the game. **13.b5+-** And now c6 would win. **13...e4 14.Nf4** aiming for c6.

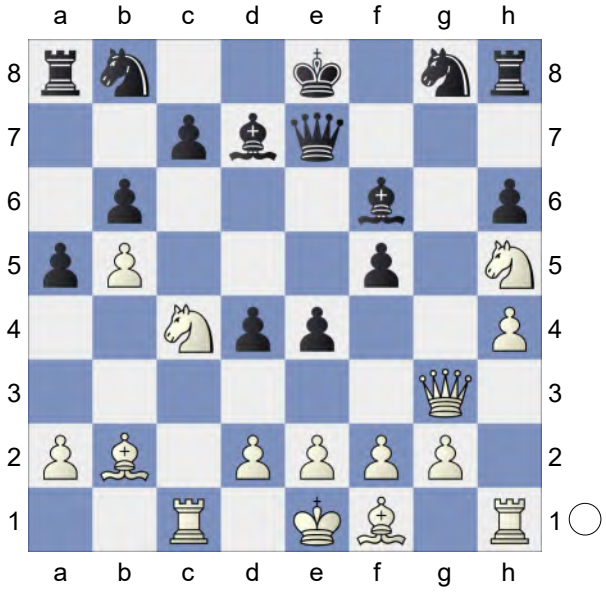
[And not 14.Bxd4 exd3 15.Rc1 Be6∓]

14...Qxc5 15.Qb3+ Ke8 16.Rc1 Qd6 4.83/21

[16...Qb4 3.39/22 was called for. 17.Ne6 Be5]

17.Qg3 Bf6 18.Nc4 Qc5 19.Nh5 Qe7? 6.03/19

[19...Kd8 3.68/20 20.Ba3 f4]



20.Qxc7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.57

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A09

□ **Bocharov,Dmitry** **2592**

■ **Smirnov,Pavel** **2637**

FIDE World Cup (1.1) 27.11.2005

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Bd2N The position is equal.

[8.Ba3 h5 9.Nd2 h4 10.Rb1 b6 11.Qa4 Qg6 12.c5 Bb7 13.Nc4 0-0-0 14.cxb6 axb6 15.Rb5 e4 16.Qc2 Nf6 17.dxe4 Nxe4 18.Rb3 Qe6 19.f3 Nc3 20.e4 f5 21.Bd3 fxe4 22.fxe4 h3 Chemin,V (2577)-

Sethuraman,S (2711) GER corr 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Suetin,A; Neven,K] 0-1 23.g3 Nxe4 24.0-0 Nxg3 25.Rf3 Qe1+ 26.Bf1 Nxf1 27.Rxf1 Rdg8+ 28.Rg3 Rxg3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Nb4+ 1-0 (30) Bocharov,D (2610)-Kokarev,D (2628) Vladivostok 2016 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Zoran]]

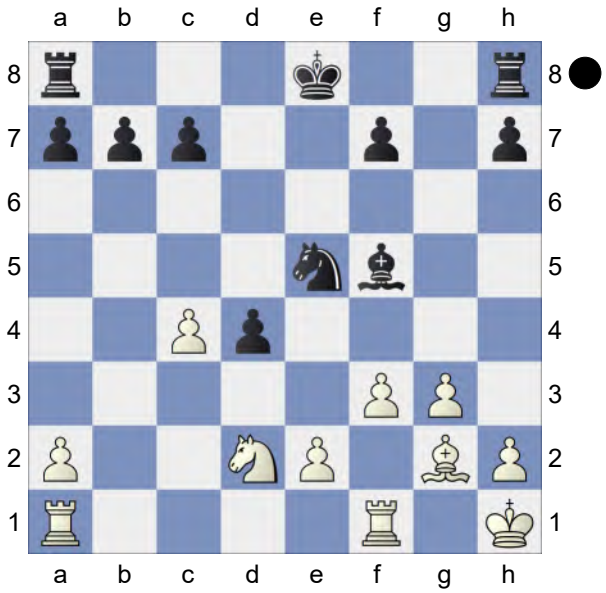
8...Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 0.06/21

[10.Qb3!± 0.53/22]

10...Qxe4= 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3! Nf6 White must now prevent ...Nd7. **13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5↑** Black has good play. **15.Qa3** Threatens to win with f4. **15...Bf5 16.Bg5?** -1.57/23 **Qxg5∓ 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5** -0.87/22

[18...Bd7-+ -1.63/22 Hoping for ... 0-0-0. 19.f4 0-0-0]

19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 20.Nd2



0-0-0! 21.h3 Rhe8 22.Rf2 -1.52/21

[⌓22.Kg1 -0.99/21]

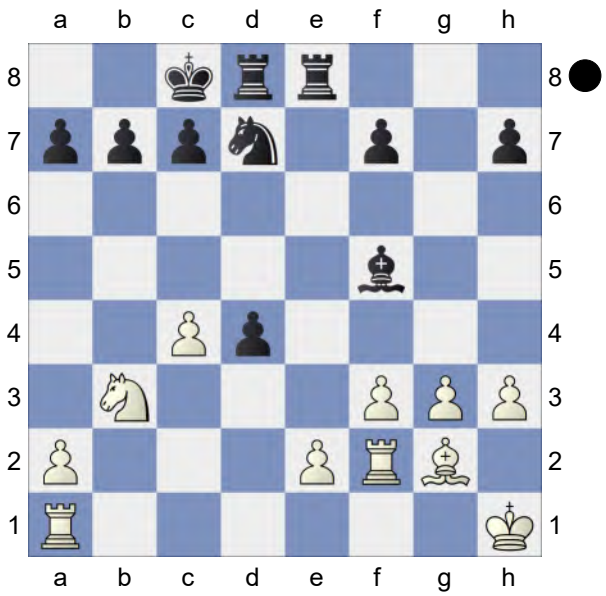
22...Nd7 -0.81/20

[⌓22...Be6 -1.52/21 23.Rc1 d3]

23.Nb3 -1.80/20

[23.g4∓ -0.81/20 Bg6 24.f4]

(Diagram)



23...c5!-+ 24.g4 Bg6 25.Nd2 Nf6 -1.14/20

[Black should try 25...Re3-+ -1.70/23 Strongly threatening ...Rde8. 26.f4 Bc2]

26.Kg1 -1.79/18

[26.Nf1∓ -1.14/20 was called for.]

26...Re3 27.a4 -2.19/21

[⌓27.Re1 -1.72/21]

27...Rde8 28.Kf1 a5 29.f4 -2.44/22

[⌓29.Ne4 -1.89/20 Nxe4 30.fxe4]

29...Be4 30.Nxe4? -3.93/21

[30.Bf3 -2.22/19 keeps fighting.]

30...Nxe4 31.Bxe4 R8xe4 Endgame KRR-KRR **32.Rb1 Kc7 33.Rb2 Rc3** Black is clearly winning. **34.g5 Rxc4 35.Ra2 Rb4 36.Kg2 c4** ...c3 is the strong threat. **37.Kf3 Re3+ 38.Kg4 c3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.18 (very precise) . Loss on time!?

1-0

A09

□ **Chigaev,M** 2632

■ **Gunduz,Umut Erdem** 2286

Titled Tue 28th Feb Early blitz (4) 28.02.23

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Qa4+

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...Nd7N

[4...c6 5.Qb3 *(5.d3 g4 6.Nfd2 Bg7 7.g3 h5 8.h4 b5 9.cxb5 Qd5 10.Rg1 cxb5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.a4 Nf6 13.axb5 Qxb5 14.Na3 Qd7 15.Ndc4 0-0 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bg2 Nd5 18.Qb3 Nc6 19.b5 Ne5* Markowski,T (2616)-Navara,D (2702) Wroclaw 2011 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (48) *)* 5...Bg7 6.Nxg5 e5 7.Qg3 Ne7 8.Ne4 Nf5 9.Qg5 Qxg5 10.Nxg5 a5 Section-N,N [Neustroev,Viktor] 11.bxa5 Nd6 12.d3 h6 13.Nf3 Rxa5 Mokrishchev (2485)-Ludwig,W (2622) Bosnjaci 90/224 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Grob NZZ-3 p17 FSZ#721]]

5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Bb2 Nh6 7.Qc2 Prevents Nf5. **7...0-0 8.Nf3** White is better. **8...e5 9.d3** 0.55/24

[9.h4± 0.89/20 gxh4 10.Rxh4]

9...g4± 10.Nfd2 b6 11.h3 -0.12/22

[11.Nc3± 0.53/19]

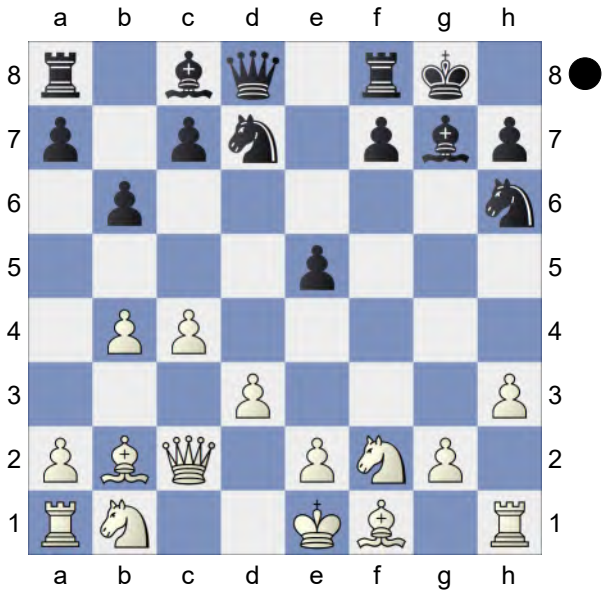
11...g3= 12.Ne4 -1.10/21

[Don't play 12.fxg3 Nf5∓]

[12.e4!= -0.19/20]

12...gxf2+∓ 13.Nxf2

(Diagram)



Bb7 0.27/21

[13...Nf5!∓ -0.95/20 Strongly threatening ...Ne3. 14.e4 Ng3]

14.e4= f5 15.Nc3 -0.20/22

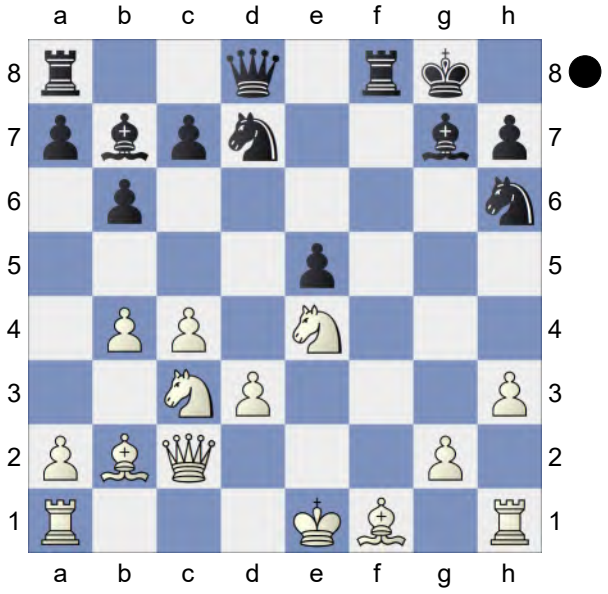
[15.Nd2!± 0.40/22]

15...fxe4 0.34/22

[Black should play 15...Qh4= -0.20/22]

16.Nfxe4? -1.97/19

[16.dxe4± 0.34/22 keeps the upper hand. a5 17.bxa5]



16...Nf5!-+ 17.0-0-0 Ne3 18.Qe2 -2.35/23

[18.Qd2 -1.92/22 keeps fighting. Nxd1 19.Qxd1]

18...Nxd1 19.Qxd1 a5 20.b5 Nf6 21.Be2 -2.21/20

[21.Ng3∓ -1.44/17]

21...Nxe4 22.dxe4 Qxd1+ -0.59/22

[22...Qd4-+ -2.00/23 ...Rf2 is the strong threat. 23.Bf3 Qxc4]

23.Rxd1∓ Rad8 Threatens to win with ... Rxd1+. **24.Nd5 Bxd5**

[24...Rf2 is more complex. 25.Bf3 Bxd5 26.cxd5 a4]

25.cxd5

[Of course not 25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.cxd5 Rf2∓]

25...Rf2 26.Bf3 a4 Hoping for ...a3!

27.Kb1 a3 28.Bxa3 Ra8 29.Rd3 -1.14/21 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

[29.d6∓ -0.51/26 cxd6 30.Bc1]

29...Bf8∓ 30.Bxf8 -1.79/27

[30.Bb2∓ -1.43/21 is a better defense.]

30...Kxf8 Endgame KRR-KRB

[Not 30...Rxf8 31.Rc3=]

31.a3 -3.95/25

[31.d6∓ -1.41/26 cxd6 32.Rxd6]

31...Ke7 32.Rc3 Kd8 33.Kc1 -4.31/24

[33.Bd1 -3.00/24 was worth a try. Rxg2 34.Kc1]

33...Ra5-+ 34.Rb3 Ra2 Black is clearly winning. **35.Kb1 R5xa3 36.Rb4 Ra4 37.Rb3 R4a3 38.Rb2 Rxb2+ 39.Kxb2** KR-KB **39...Ra5 40.Be2 Ke7 41.Kb3 Kd6 42.Kb4 Ra2 43.Bf3 Rb2+ 44.Kc4 h6 45.h4 Rb1 46.h5 Rb2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.18 (very precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Reinderman,D** **2575**

■ **Schoppen,Casper** **2395**

Condigne Dutch Open 2018 (2.3) 25.7.18

[Imre, Hera]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Nd3 Such a manoeuvre costs White many tempi, moreover his knight will obstruct the remaining pieces very much. **8...Ne7 9.e3 0-0 10.c5**

[10.exd4 e4! 11.Nf4 *(11.Ne5 Nbc6)* 11...Nbc6 12.c5 Nxd4 13.Qc1 Kanep - Berzinsh, Liepeja 2018 Nec6↑]

10...Ng6?! A natural, but imprecise continuation, because it runs into the advance that happened in the game.

[I would prefer accelerating the developent with 10...Nd7N

A) 11.exd4 exd4 12.Be2 bxc5 13.bxc5 Rb8 14.Ba3 *(14.0-0 Ba6)* 14...Re8 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Re1 Nd5-+ 17.c6 Rxe2! 18.Qxe2 Ne5;

B) 11.Na3 Bb7 12.exd4 exd4 13.Nb5 Nc6↑;

C) 11.cxb6 axb6 12.exd4 exd4 13.Be2 Bb7 14.Bf3 Be4 15.0-0 Ng6 16.Re1 Bxd3!

C1) 17.Bxa8 Nde5 18.Bf3 Kh8!→ Now Black is ready to follow his attack with ...Nh4 followed by ...Rg8. *(18...Nh4?? would even lose immediately due to the trick of 19.Rxe5)* 19.Be2 Nf4;

C2) 17.Qb3+ Kh8 18.Qxd3 Nde5 19.Qb3 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Nh4 21.Qh3 Bf6!→]

11.h4! A great recognition by the Dutch grandmaster. **11...Be6 12.h5 Ne7 13.exd4 exd4 14.Be2 Nbc6**

[14...Nd7 was still possible. 15.cxb6 axb6 16.Na3 c5⩱]

15.0-0?! As no one could attack the king in the middle, White could have prolonged its safety a bit until he solves the other side.

[Bringing the knight with 15.Na3! was more urgent. Nd5 16.Nc2]

15...Nd5 16.a3? Trapping his own cavalier terribly.

[Defending dynamically could have been much more fortunate. 16.Bf3!

A) 16...Ncxb4!? 17.Nxb4 Nxb4 18.cxb6 *(18.Bxa8?! Qxa8 19.d3 Bd5 20.f3 Qe8↑)* 18...axb6 19.Ba3∞;

B) 16...Rb8 17.b5 Ncb4 18.Nxb4 Nxb4 19.cxb6 Rxb6 20.Ba3 Rxb5 21.Bxb4 Rxb4 22.d3± and after Nd2,Qc2,Rac1 the white position could become clearly preferable, because the black dark-squared bishop is unlikely having a bright future.;

C) 16...Qh4 17.Re1 Bf7 18.cxb6 axb6 19.b5 Ncb4! 20.Nxb4 Nxb4 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.d3 Bh6 23.Nd2□ Nxd3 24.Qf3 Qxf2+ 25.Qxf2 Nxf2 26.Re2 *(26.Kxf2 Bxd2 27.Re7 Be3+ 28.Kg3 Bxh5∞)* 26...Nd3 27.Bxd4 Nf4 28.Re7 Nd5 29.Re2 Nf4=]

16...Qh4 17.Bf3? This was rather just oil on the fire.

[Stopping the black invasion with 17.f4 was less evil. bxc5 18.Nxc5 Bf7↑]

17...Rae8 At this stage we can notice a huge difference between the two camps: while Black executed bringing all his pieces into the game, the white queenside has remained very undeveloped. **18.cxb6 axb6**

[Even the generous 18...Ne5! could have functioned at once. 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.g3 Qg5-+ and White is helpless against the enormous majority on the kingside.]

19.Re1 Bf7 20.g3 Qg5 21.b5 Na5 22.a4 In the absence of a more useful alternative, White tries to make some space for the knight on a3. **22...Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 f4 24.Na3 Re8**

[It was a bit strange that Black did not start with 24...Nb3 25.Rd1 Re8 26.Qf1 fxg3 27.Qg2 Nxd2-+]

25.Qf1 fxg3

[Now on 25...Nb3 the rook can join the open file at least. 26.Re1 Nxd2 27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.Bxd5+ Qxd5 29.Nxf4 Qe4∓]

26.Qg2 gxf2+

[26...Nb3 was easier.]

27.Nxf2 Qxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Nb3 29.Rd1 Nf4+ 30.Kg3? Running ahead into further trouble.

[30.Kh1 would have not stepped into a check, however, certainly it could not revive the ruins.]

30...Nxh5+ 31.Kh4 Bf6+ 32.Kg4 Ng7?!

[32...Re5 could have finished off the issue much faster.]

33.Kh3 Be6+ 34.Kg2 Nc5 35.Nc2 Nf5 36.Ne4 Nxe4?! Black slowly, but constantly releases his great advantage.

[36...Nh4+ 37.Kg3 Nxe4+ 38.Bxe4 Bb3∓]

37.Bxe4 Kf7?! 38.Rc1? Presumably during the mutual time trouble White did not take his last chance to get back to the game.

[38.Rh1! would have ensured some counterplay already. Rg8+ 39.Kf3 h6 40.Bxf5 Bxf5 41.Nxd4 Bg4+ 42.Kf4 h5∓]

38...Rg8+ 39.Kf2 Bh4+ 40.Kf3 Rg3+

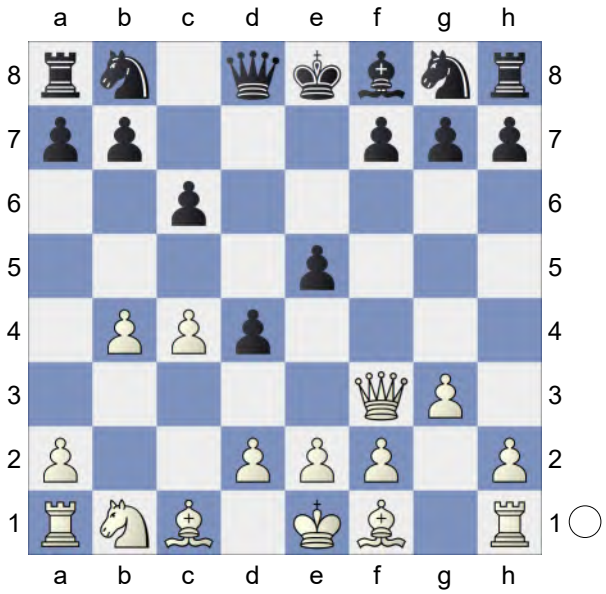
41.Ke2 d3+! 42.Bxd3 Rg2+ 43.Kf3?? Running into the mating net.
[Anyway White is just doomed to the backrank even after 43.Kd1 Bg5 44.Bc3 Bb3! 45.Ra1 *(45.Bxf5 Rg1+)* 45...Nd4!-+]
43...Bd5+ 44.Kf4 Rf2+ 45.Ke5 Ne7 46.Ne3 Bf6#
0-1

A09
□ **Rook,Detlef** **2443**
■ **Mercadal Benejam,Josep** **2409**
corr MT-Flores/B (ESP) 20.05.2018
[Methling,Ludger]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Sollte für Schwarz keine Überraschung sein, sowohl am Brett als auch im Fernschach wird dieser Bauernzug nach 3.g3 am häufigsten gespielt.
[Häufiger wird 3.g3 gespielt. Nc6 4.Bg2 e5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 Schwarz hat nun mehrere Möglichkeiten zu antworten,steht aber in der Regel sicher.]
3...Bg4 4.Qb3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 c6
[5...e5?! fühlt sich völlig falsch an. Nach 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.g3 *(7.a3!?)* 7...Rb8 8.Qxa7 Bxb4 9.Bg2 Ngf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.d3 Schwarz hatte nicht viel für einen fehlenden Bauern]
6.g3 e5

(Diagram)

7.b5! Eine der wichtigsten Ideen. Erstens verliert Weiß keine Zeit, seinen hängenden Bauern zu schützen, und zweitens schafft dieser Zug gute Aussichten auf der Diagonale h1-a8 für den hellfeldrigen ♗äufer, der keinen



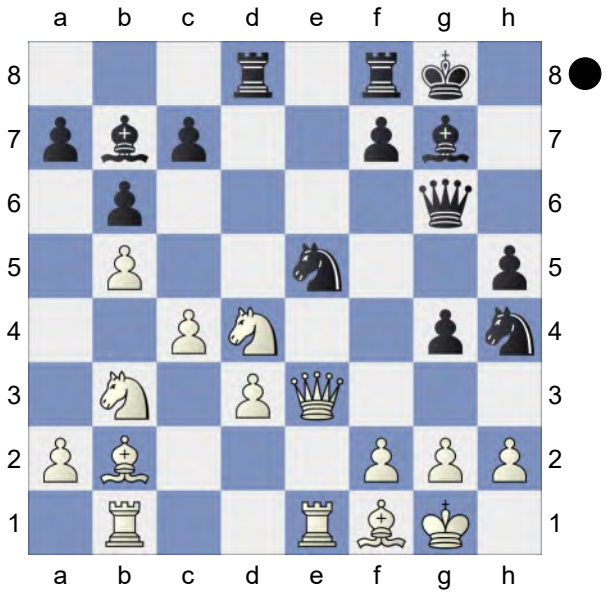
Widerstand hat. **7...Bb4**
[7...Nf6 8.Bg2 Be7 Es gibt viele Möglichkeiten für Schwarz, Figuren zu entwickeln, aber in allen Fällen sollte Weiß etwas besser stehen. 9.d3 *(9.0-0* war vielleicht ein Tick genauer. *e4 10.Qf4)* 9...0-0 *(9...Qa5+* Dies ist eine zusätzliche Option *10.Nd2 Bb4 11.a4!? 0-0 12.Ra2* es ist gut genug für einen minimalen Vorteil. *)* 10.0-0 a6 11.bxc6! ist am genauesten für Weiß der jetzt besser steht.]
8.Bg2 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.e3N Stockfish 10 bewertet diesen Zug relativ hoch ein ca.+0.60 , sicherlich ein Grund diese Neuerung zu spielen.Eine Partie wurde vorher gespielt mit
[10.Na3!? Bc5 11.Nc2 Qd6 12.e3 Nd7 13.exd4 exd4 14.d3 Ne5 15.Qe4 f5 16.Qe2 N7g6 17.f4 Nxc4 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Qf3 Rac8 20.dxc4 d3+ 21.Be3 dxc2 22.Rac1 Rfd8 23.Qf2 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 Qd4 25.Qxd4 Rxd4 26.Rxc2 Rc7 27.Kf2 Nf8 28.Re1 Kf7 29.Re5 g6 30.Ke3 Rd8 31.Rd2 Nd7 32.Ra5 Re8+ 33.Kd3 Nf6 34.Rc5 Re6 35.Kc3 Ke7 36.Bf3

Nd7 37.Ra5 Re3+ 38.Rd3 Re1 39.Rd1 Re3+ 40.Rd3 Re1 41.Kd2 Rf1 42.Re3+ Kd6 43.Rd3+ Ke7 44.Re3+ Kd6 45.Rd3+ Ke7 46.Re3+ Kd6 ½-½ (46) Schreurs,B (2232)-Stein,K (2407) ICCF 2017]
[Interessant ist 10.Qb3!? mit viel Analyse Bedarf! Qa5 *(10...a5∞ 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.d3±)* 11.d3±]
10...Bc5 11.exd4 Qxd4 12.Qb3 Nd7
[Natürlich nicht 12...Qxa1?? 13.Bb2 und die schwarze ♕ame ist verloren.]
13.Nc3 Qg4
[13...Nf5 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Bxc6]
14.Bb2 Nf5 15.Ne4 Nd4 16.Qd1
[16.Qd3 f5!=]
16...Qxd1 17.Raxd1 cxb5 18.cxb5 Rfd8 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Rc1 Ne6 22.Rfe1 Rxd2 23.Rxe5 Rxa2 24.Bxb7 Rb8 25.Rc8+
[Auch nach 25.Bc8 Rb2 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.Rxe6 R2xb5 erreicht Weiß nicht viel.]
25...Rxc8 26.Bxc8 Rb2
½-½

A09
□ **Wang,Tianqi** **2332**
■ **Berczes,D** **2510**
FSGM July 2018 (9.1) 17.07.2018
[Imre, Hera]

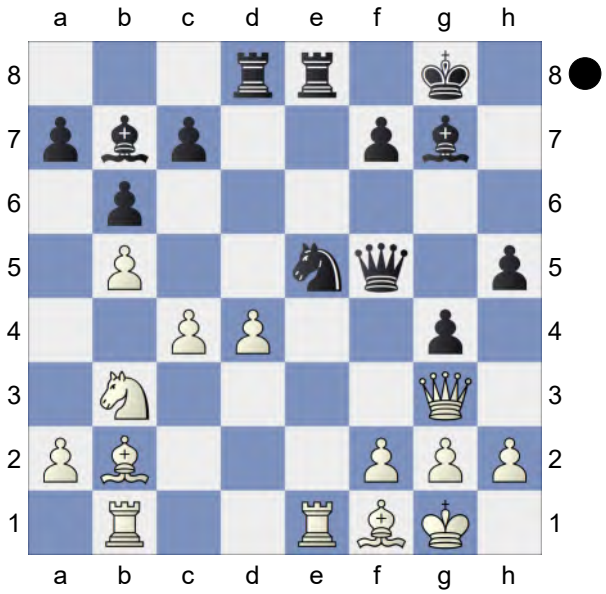
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2
The point of this move order is to force the enemy bishop to g7, so after Nxg5 e5 Black could not threat with double attack, as the b4-pawn would be not hanging anymore. **4...Bg7 5.e3**
[5.g3 e5 6.d3 timid handling would be a big invitation for Black to go forward without restraint. g4 7.Nfd2 h5 8.h4 f5 The weather forecast predicts a heavy pawn storm. 9.e3 f4! 10.exf4 exf4 11.Bg2 f3 Reaching paradise: the game is basically over already here! 12.Nxf3 gxf3 13.Bxf3 Nf6 14.Qe2+ Kf7 15.0-0 Bg4 16.Nd2 Re8 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.dxe4 d3 20.Qxg4 Bxb2 21.Rad1 Nc6 22.e5 Nxe5 23.Qf5+ Qf6 24.Qh7+ Qg7 25.Qf5+ Kg8 26.Kg2 Rad8 0-1 Aguilar - Antipov, Gibraltar 2019]
5...e5! 6.exd4
[In case of 6.g3N Black could develop calmly as well. h6 -0.12/22 *(6...g4∓* -0.55/22 feels stronger. *7.Nh4 a6)* 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0]
6...exd4 7.d3
[7.Bd3? -1.86/20 7.h3 -0.82 is just bad in view of g4! 8.Qe2+ -2.41/21 *(⌓8.Ng1* -1.83/23 *)* 8...Ne7!-+ 9.Ne5 0-0! 10.0-0 Nbc6 11.Nxc6 Nxc6-+ Arduin - Hector, Gothenburg 2016]
7...g4 8.Nfd2 Black is better.
[8.Qe2+? Ne7 9.Ng5 0-0-+]
8...Ne7 Active counter play! **9.Be2 h5 10.Nb3**
[10.Na3 Ng6 -0.57/24 *(10...a5∓* -1.02/19 *11.b5 Nd7)* 11.Nc2∓ 0-0 12.g3 -1.12/23 *(12.0-0∓* -0.48/22 *)* 12...a5∓ 13.bxa5 -1.82/22 *(13.Nb3∓* -1.20/21 *)* 13...f5 14.f4 was Nippgen - Bellahcene, Baden-Baden 2016 so far. Black could have simply strengthened his centre with c5 15.0-0 Qxa5 16.Nb3 -1.91/22 *(16.h4∓* -1.53/19 *)* 16...Qc7-+ and then just enjoying the wonderful position. 17.Rf2 b6 18.Bf1 -2.21/22 *(18.h4* -1.82/25 might work better. *)* 18...Bb7 19.Bg2 -2.22/22 *(19.h4* -1.79/17 was worth a try.*)* 19...Bxg2-+ 20.Rxg2 Nd7∓]

10...Nf5 -0.66/25
[Black should play 10...a5∓ -0.99/21 Hoping for ...a4. 11.b5 a4]
11.0-0∓ 0-0 12.Na3 -0.95/24
[12.a4∓ -0.64/23]
12...b6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Re1 Nc6 -0.47/20
[A very interesting idea was shown by the engines: 14...a5!N
A) 15.b5 a4 16.Nd2 Nd7 17.Ne4 -1.62/19 *(17.Bf1∓* -1.03/20 keeps fighting.) 17...Bxe4-+ 18.dxe4 d3!∓;
B) 15.bxa5 and now 15...c5!! 16.axb6 -1.25/22 *(⌓16.Bf1* -0.83/23 *)* 16...Nd7∓ Black does not care about the queenside pawns, as it is clear that he will regain one of them very soon. 17.Bf1 Qxb6 18.Bc1 Qg6→ The fruit of freeing up the 6th rank.
B1) 19.Bf4 -1.72/20 19.Qd2 -1.02 h4 20.Be2 h3 -1.43/22 *(*Better is *20...Bh6*-+ -1.95/23 *21.Bxh6 Nxh6)*;
B2) 19.Qd2 Bf6! Prevents Qg5. Preventing the simplification from g5. 20.Na5 Bf3! An elegant and effective reply. 21.Qf4 -1.58/21 *(21.gxf3?* -2.80/21 21.Qf4 -1.19 *Nh4!; ⌓21.a4* -1.18/21 *)* 21...Ne3!!∓ Crowning the whole line with this eye-catching penetration. 22.Nxe3 dxe3 23.Bxe3 Bxa1 -0.91/18 *(⌓23...Rxa5* -1.36/25 *24.gxf3 Be5)* 24.Rxa1∓ Rxa5 25.Qc7 Qf6! 26.Rb1 Qd8! 27.Qxd8 Rxd8 28.gxf3 gxf3↑]
[14...a5!∓ -1.07/22 15.bxa5 c5]
15.Bf1 Nh4 16.Rb1 Ne5! Black sacrificed his central pawn with the hope that he will have enough attacking pieces to create big threats on the kingside. **17.Ncxd4** -0.79/22
[17.Nbxd4= -0.29/22 Qf6 18.Bc1]
17...Qg5∓ 18.b5 Rad8 Black has strong compensation.
[18...Qf4 19.Qd2 Qxd2 20.Nxd2±]
19.Qc1 Qg6 At the moment the black pieces show a picturesque view, while White is just quite packed. **20.Qe3** -1.87/21
[20.Qf4∓ -1.12/24 is a better defense. Nxd3 21.Bxd3 Qxd3 22.Qg5]

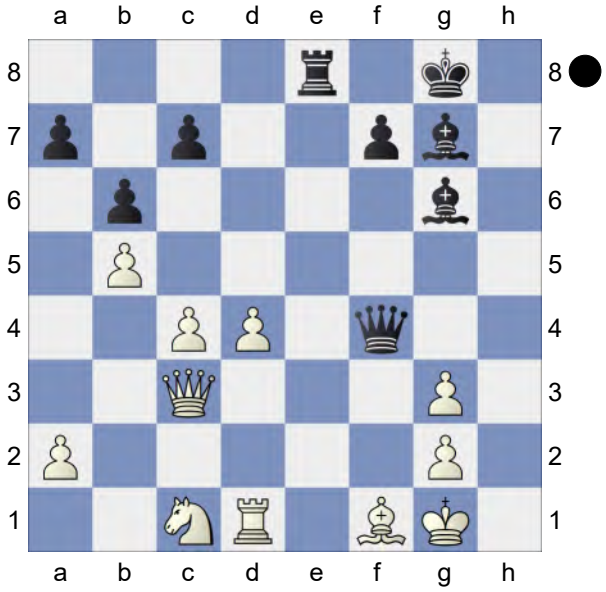


20...Rfe8? -0.36/21
[20...Bxg2! could have destroyed the enemy king's position. 21.Bxg2 Nhf3+ 22.Kh1 Nxd3∓]
[20...Bxg2!-+ -1.87/21 21.Bxg2 Nhf3+ 22.Kh1 *(22.Nxf3? gxf3 23.Qxf3 Nxf3+-+)* 22...Nxe1 23.Rxe1 Nxd3]
21.Qg3!∓ Nf5 0.92/23 Committing a second mistake in a row.
[21...Bf6 gave still good compensation.]
[21...Bf6∓ -0.34/27 stays ahead.]
22.Nxf5± Qxf5 23.d4? -0.21/24
[23.Re3! Strongly threatening Rbe1. was required and on

A) If 23...Nxc4 White preserves his material advantage after 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qxc7 and on Na3 he can bounce back with *(26...Bd5? 2.56/23 26...Na3 0.85 27.dxc4 Qxb1 28.cxd5 Re1 29.Qc3+ Kg8 30.Nd2!+-)* 27.Nd4! Qc5 28.Qxc5! bxc5 29.Nf5+! Kf6 30.Rb3!±;
B) 23...Bf6 aiming for ...h4. White could stop Black with 24.h4!±]
[23.Re3± 0.98/21]

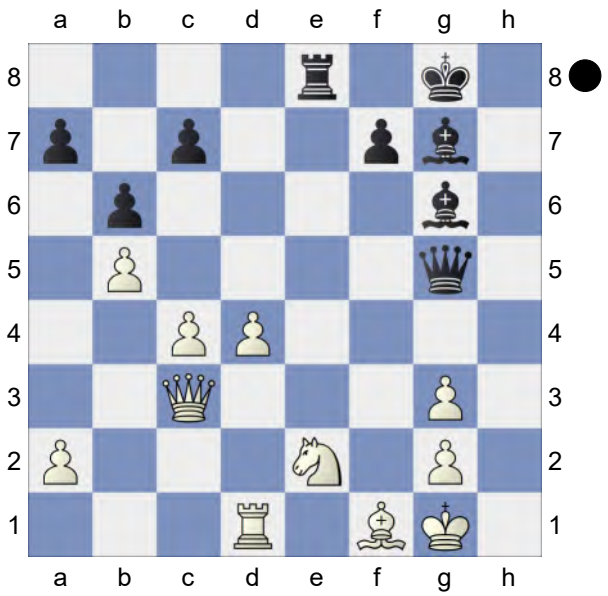


23...Ng6 0.18/24
[The intermediation of 23...Be4! would have been a better edition.]
[⌓23...Be4! -0.21/24 24.Rbd1 Ng6]
24.Rbd1
[24.Bd3 Qd7 And now ...h4 would win. 25.f3∞ would have shown more resistance.]
[Resist 24.Qxc7?! Be4 25.Ra1 Rd7±]
24...Be4 25.Qc3
[Don't take 25.Qxc7?! h4±]
25...Nf4 26.Bc1! Going mainly just backwards was already a bad signal.
26...h4 27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.Re3 Bg6
[28...Be5? 29.g3 Qf5 30.Rde1 hxg3 31.fxg3+-]
29.Rxe8+
[29.g3
A) 29...Qd6 30.Rde1 0.08/21 *(30.Qd2± 0.39/20)* 30...Rxe3= 31.Qxe3 Bxd4 32.Nxd4 Qxd4 33.Qxd4 Rxd4 34.gxh4 Kg7⩲;
B) 29...Rxe3 30.Qxe3 Qxe3 31.fxe3 Re8 32.Re1 Bh6 33.Kf2 Bg5⩲]
29...Rxe8 30.Nc1? -1.72/19 Neglecting the situation on the kingside was too dangerous.
[30.g3 was needed. Qd6⩲]
[30.Re1= 0.00/33 and White is okay. Rxe1 31.Qxe1]
30...g3!-+ Using the chance at once by good sense. **31.hxg3 hxg3 32.fxg3**



Qg5 -0.89/23
[⌓32...Qh6! -1.52/23 ...Bf6 is the strong threat. 33.Kf2 Bh5]
33.Ne2? -2.95/21
[33.Nb3∓ -0.89/23 only move.]

(Diagram)

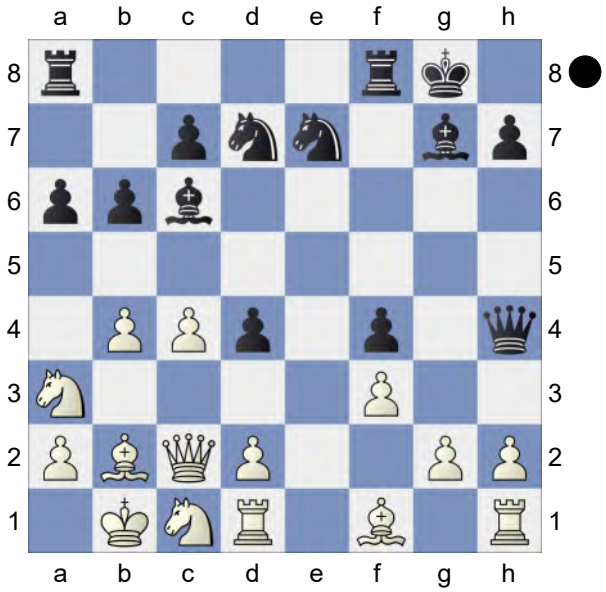


33...Bh5! 34.Qd2 Qf6 -0.88/25
[34...Qf5-+ -2.65/23 White must now prevent ...Re4. 35.Re1 Qf6]
35.Re1? -3.29/25
[35.Rb1∓ -0.88/25]
35...Bg4 -1.53/24
[35...Re6-+ -3.29/25 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... Bxe2. 36.Rb1 Re4]
36.d5?? -7.96/22 Weakening the dark squares entirely.
[36.Rb1 was far from obvious, but there was no other way to unpin the knight. Re4∓]
[36.Rb1∓ -1.53/24]
36...Bf8 (-> ...Bc5+). This bishop pair is nice. Black is clearly winning.Realizing that he could avoid getting mated only by losing too much material, White rather resigned. **37.Nf4N Bc5+ 38.Kh2 Qh6+ 39.Nh3 Qxd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

A09
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**
■ **Reyes Najera,Carlos A** **2149**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.12) 24.9.18
[TA]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2
[4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Ba3 *(8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5)* 8...h5 9.Nd2 h4]
[4.d3 g4 5.Nfd2 e5 6.Qb3 a5 7.b5 Nd7 8.e3 Nc5 9.Qc2 Bf5 10.e4 Be6 11.Nb3 a4]
[4.h3 h6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e4 *(6.e3)* 6...e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 Qf6]
[4.Qa4+ c6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e3 e5 7.exd4 e4 8.Ng1 Bxd4 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Nge2 Be5]
[4.Qb3 Bg7 *(4...g4 5.Nxd4 Qxd4 6.Bb2)* 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Qg3 Ne7 7.Ne4 Ng6 8.h4 f5]
4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5
LiveBook: 3 Partien. D20: Angenommenes Damengambit **7.Nc5±**
[7.Ng3 Nf6 8.e3 0-0 9.c5 f4 10.Bc4+ Kh8 11.Ne2 d3 12.Nc1 e4 13.exf4 Nc6 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Nc3 Bg4]
7...b6 8.Nd3
[8.Qa4+
A) 8...Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.Na3 *(10.h4)* 10...a5 11.f4 exf4 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.b5 Nd7;
B) 8...c6 9.Nb3 *(9.Nd3 Ne7 10.e3 0-0 11.exd4 exd4 12.Na3)* 9...Ne7 10.e3 0-0 11.c5 b5 12.Qa5 Qd5]
8...Bb7 Weiß steht besser.
[8...Ne7 9.e3 0-0 10.exd4 e4

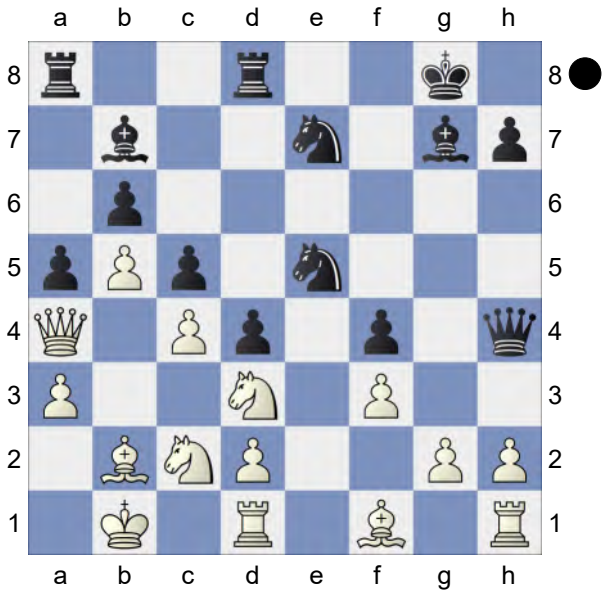
11.Nf4 Nbc6]
9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+N Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2
[14.Nb5 Kd8 15.Qb3 a6 16.Na3]
14...a6= 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1
[16.Re1 Rf7 17.g3 Qh6 18.Bg2]
16...f4 17.Nc1
[17.Qb3 a5 18.b5 Bb7 19.Nc2 a4 20.Qa3 c5 21.bxc6 Nxc6 1-0 (31) Gupta,A (2588)-Xiong,J (2651) chess.com INT 2018 22.Ndb4]



17...Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3→ zielt auf Dh6 ab. Schwarz muss sich nun genau verteidigen. **20...a5 21.b5**
[21.bxa5 Bc6 22.Qb3 bxa5]
[21.bxc5 Nxc5]
21...Ne5 22.Nd3

(Diagram)

Droht Sg4 und aus. **22...Nxf3! 23.Be2**
[23.gxf3 Bxf3]
23...Ng5 24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3? 26.Bxf3+- Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2
[28.Rdg1]
28...Qh3 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1



KTL-KTS **30...Re6 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6 33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3** Precision: Weiß = 69%, Schwarz = 49%. **34...Re2** war angesagt. **35.Nf2 Qh4**
[35...Qg2 36.Rhg1 a4± 37.Qd3= bleibt in der Remisbreite. Vorgänger: 37...Qxh2 38.Ne4 *(38.Rh1= Qg3 39.Rhg1 Rxf2 40.Rxg3 fxg3)* 38...R8xe4 39.fxe4 Rxd2 1/2-1/2 (30) Kummer,H (2350)-Strauss,A (2240) Oberwart 1997]
Keinesfalls **36.Ne4 Rxh2**
[36...Qh3]
37.Qd1 Rxh1+- ⌓38.Rxh1 Qe7 39.Qf1 Qd7 40.d3 Re5 41.Bc1 Qf5= und Schwarz muss sich keine Sorgen machen. Viel schwächer wäre **42.Qg2 Re7**
[42...h5 43.Rg1∓ Re6 looks sharper. 44.Qh1 Ne5 45.Rg5]
1-0

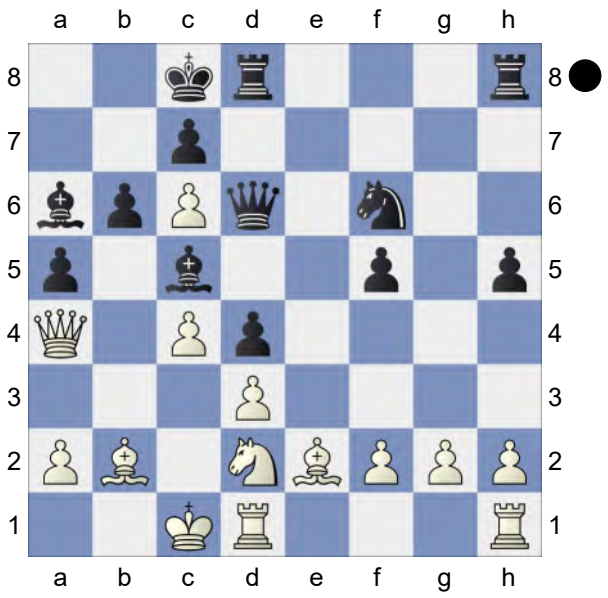
A09
□ **Daverkausen,Bernd** **2128**
■ **Bellahcene,Bilel** **2483**
Goch op 27th (7) 04.09.2016
[Imre, Hera]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5
[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]
4...e5 5.Ne4N
[5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 Bocharov,D (2583)-Pridorozhni,A (2571) Taganrog 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (38)]
5...f5 -0.39/24
[5...Bxb4∓ -0.81/19 6.a3 Bf8]
6.e3∓ A tricky counterblow, opting for a check from h5, but fortunately Black can handle it easily. **6...h5!** Let's go all-in!
[Clearly inferior is 6...fxe4? 0.41/19 6...h5 -0.29in view of 7.Qh5+ Kd7 8.Qf5+ Ke8 9.Qxe5+ Kf7! 10.Qxh8]
7.Nc5 Nc6 8.b5? -0.63/21
A remarkable failure. **8...Bxc5 9.bxc6 b6 10.Bb2** -0.97/23
[10.Ba3! would not vary much on the evaluation of the position. Qd6 11.Bxc5 bxc5↑]
[10.Ba3!∓ -0.61/20 deserves consideration.]
10...Nf6 -0.51/19
[10...Ne7! could have been a better route, as the knight is instantly ready to eliminate the white pawn. 11.Be2 -1.76/20 *(11.Na3∓ -0.95/23)* 11...Nxc6-+ 12.Bxh5+ -2.06/20 *(12.Na3∓ -1.60/18)* 12...Kf8!-+ 13.Bf3 e4-+]
[Black should try 10...Ne7∓ -0.97/23 11.Na3 Be6]
11.exd4 exd4
[11...Bxd4 was a worthy alternative. 12.Bxd4 Qxd4 13.Nc3 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 15.Qe2 Qd4! 16.Rc1 Be6 17.Qe3! Rd8 18.Be2 f4 19.Qxd4 Rxd4 20.d3 Ke7 21.g3 Rf8⩱ Black has a nice, long-term compensation regarding his activity.]
12.d3 Kf7?! 0.41/26
A risky continuation.
[12...Rg8 0.00/25 12...Qd6 -0.42 13.Nd2 Qd6□ 14.Be2 Rxg2 15.Bxh5+ Kf8! 16.Qe2 Rxh2 *(16...b5!? 17.cxb5 Be6=)* 17.Rxh2 Qxh2 18.Bf3 Be6 19.0-0-0 Re8 20.Rh1 Qf4 21.Qd1! Bb4 22.Kc2 Bxd2 23.Ba3+! Kg7! 24.Rg1+ Ng4 25.Bxg4 fxg4 26.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 27.Kxd2=]
[12...Qd6 would have given the black position flexible by preparing to castle longside.
A) 13.Be2 a5! A very deep concept. Black intends to develop his bishop to a6 and for that he needs to cover it from Qa4 with this pawn advance. 14.Nd2 *(14.Bf3 Ba6 15.Qe2+! Kf8)* 14...Ba6! 15.Qa4 0-0-0 16.0-0-0

(Diagram)

Ng4!↑;
B) 13.Nd2! a5 *(13...Qxc6* ...Bb7 is the strong threat. *14.Be2! Bb7* Hoping for ...0-0-0. *15.Bf3*



Qe6+ 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2=)
14.Qa4 Ba6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0! And now ...Ng4 would win. 16.h3 Prevents Ng4. Rhe8!⩱ Against Be2]

[Much less strong is 12...Bb4+ 13.Nd2±]

[Black should play 12...Qd6∓ -0.43/22]

13.Be2± Qd6 14.Nd2 Qxc6 15.Nf3? 0.02/19 Wrong move order.

[15.0-0 Qd6! 16.Bc1! was more precise.

A) 16...Ng4 17.g3! Bb7 1.14/21 *(17...Bd7± 0.56/21)* 18.Bf3;

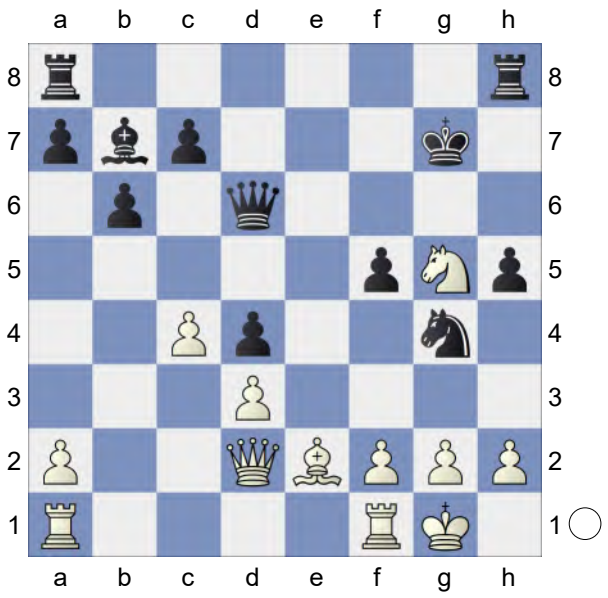
B) 16...Bd7 17.Nf3 and the black king will likely meet with an annoying check from g5. h4 18.Ng5+ Kg7 19.Nh3⇄]

[15.Bf3 0.00/23 15.0-0 0.44 Qe6+ 16.Kf1 Rb8! 17.Nb3 Qd6∞]

[Not 15.f3 h4 16.Nb3 Rg8∓]

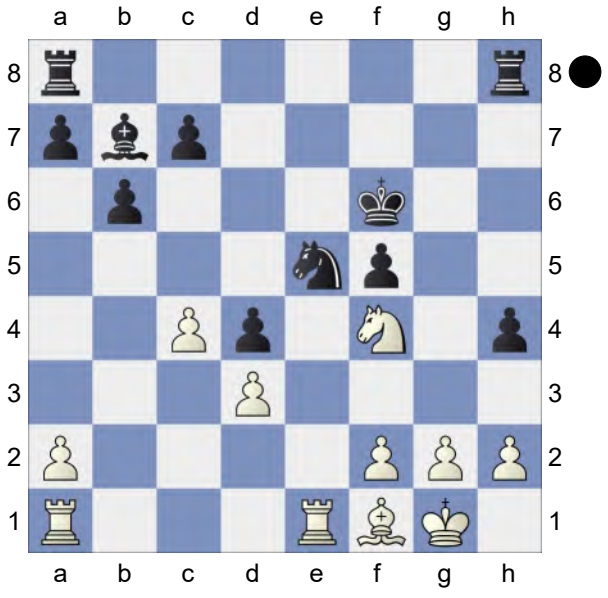
[15.0-0± 0.37/22 should be considered. Qd6 16.Bf3]

15...Qd6!= 16.Bc1 Bb4+! Pointing out the difference to the above-mentioned line. **17.Bd2 Bb7 18.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 19.Qd2 Qd6 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.0-0 Ng4**



22.Qf4 -0.38/24 A serious strategical misconception. **22...Qxf4∓ 23.Ne6+ Kf6 24.Nxf4 h4!→** White needs to defend precisely.This ending is clearly worse for White mainly due to his bad bishop. **25.Rfe1 Ne5** Inhibits Bf3. **26.Bf1** -1.84/24

[Better is 26.a4∓ -0.51/23]



26...Rag8 -0.88/24 In spite of the previous simplification, the pressure on the kingside has not been released at all.

[26...h3!-+ -1.84/24 has better

winning chances. White must now prevent ...hxg2. 27.Rxe5 Kxe5]

27.Kh1 -4.92/22 Speeding up the defeat.

[27.Re2 looks not nice either, nevertheless, there is not an instant win for Black.]

[27.Re2∓ -0.88/24 nothing else works.]

27...h3!-+ Active counter play! **28.Nd5+ Bxd5 29.cxd5 hxg2+ 30.Bxg2 Nxd3 31.Re6+ Kf7 32.Rc6 Nxf2+ 33.Kg1 Ng4 34.Rxc7+ Kf6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

0-1

A09

□ **Mirkovic,Slobodan** **2241**

■ **Rajkovic,Mladen** **2275**

Srbija 130/5 2016

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...h6 5.Bb2 Bg7! 6.d3N

[6.e4 e5 7.c5 Ne7 8.Na3 Ng6 9.h4 gxh4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.b5 0-0 12.Rc1 f5 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 Bc8 5.♘g5 e6 6.♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2649)-lg1 (2551) ICCF corr 2016 Telechess CBM 89 [Loktiev,I]]

6...c5 0.39/23

[Black should play 6...e5∓ -0.32/20]

7.bxc5± e5 8.g3 White is slightly better.

8...Ne7 9.Bg2 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 0.31/27

[10.Na3 0.63/22 is more appropriate.]

10...f5 11.0-0 Be6 0.68/22

[11...Ng6 0.37/25 deserves consideration.]

12.Ne1 -0.04/23

[12.Re1!± 0.68/22]

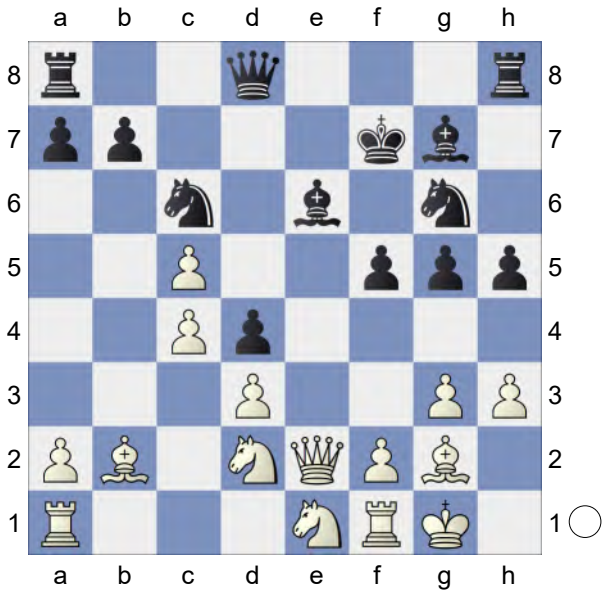
12...h5 13.e3 -0.36/19

[13.Bc1= 0.08/22]

13...Ng6? 1.67/20

[13...dxe3!∓ -0.36/19 stays ahead. 14.fxe3 Qd7]

14.exd4+- exd4 15.Qe2 Kf7



16.Nef3 0.15/20

[White should try 16.Nc2!+- 1.62/17]

16...Bf6= 17.Rab1 -0.10/17

[⌓17.Nb3 0.24/21]

17...Rb8 0.33/19

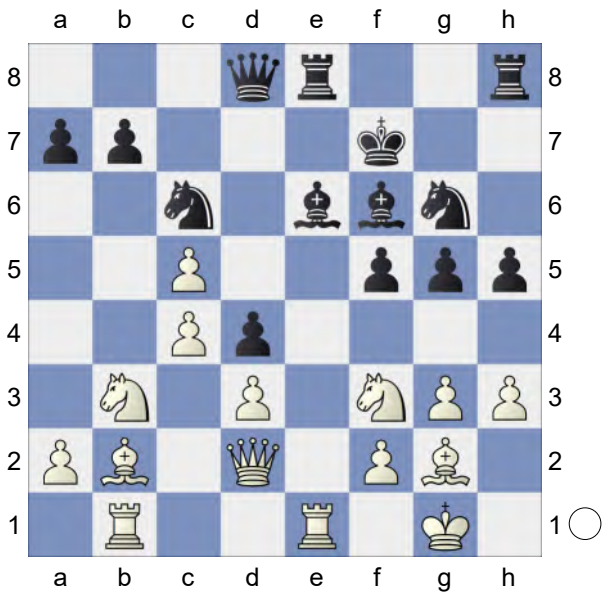
[17...g4!= -0.10/17]

18.Rfe1 Qd7 3.12/21 Black is on the road to losing.

[18...Re8= 0.14/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]

19.Nb3+- Rbe8 20.Qd2 Strongly threatening Nbxd4! **20...Qd8** 5.16/20

[20...f4 3.49/19 is a better defense. 21.Nbxd4 Bxh3 22.Bxh3 g4]



21.Nbxd4! Bxd4
[21...Bd7 22.Rxe8]
22.Bxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxb7+ Re7 24.Nxg5+ Kf6 25.Nxe6 Rxe6 26.Rxe6+ Nxe6 27.Bd5 Ne5 28.Qe3
[Weaker is 28.f4 Qxd5 29.cxd5 Nf3+ 30.Kf2 Nxd2+-]
28...Re8 29.Qh6+ Ng6 30.Bxe6 Re7 Inhibits Qg7+. **31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Bd5 Qxc5 33.Qxh5 Qe7 34.h4 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Qd2** Inhibits Qg5+. **36.Qh7** Intending d4! and mate. **36...Ne5 37.Qh8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.92
1-0

A09
□ **Markovitz,N** **1976**
■ **Kuzubov,Y** **2646**
37th Benasque Open 2017 (1.2) 06.07.17
[Sam Collins]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5!?
This remarkable move was introduced by Navara in 2011. I became aware of it by reading Alexander Morozevich's wonderful article in Chess Informant 120, and then seeing Morozevich's games where he played this system with impressive results. I used the line myself, gaining a winning position after the opening but going on to spoil the advantage and lose. In fact, many of the notes to this section were written while preparing for a rematch against the same opponent, so hopefully the additional adrenaline (tempered by Stockfish's sober assessments) helps me spot some extra opportunities for both sides!
The line is not mentioned in Delchev's book 'The Modern Réti', but is very well covered in Morozevich's article and Demuth's 'The Modernized Réti', to which I will make frequent reference.
[The more conservative 3...g6 is also playable; e.g. 4.g3 Bg7 5.d3 e5 *(5...b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 e5* A.Horton-R.Ruck, Pontevedra 2018 is well met by *8.e3!?)* 6.Bg2 Ne7 *(6...h6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.a4 0-0 9.Nfd2 a5 10.b5 c5* was similar in A.Delchev-F.Vallejo Pons, Plovdiv 2012*)* 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 a5 *(8...Nbc6 9.b5 Nb4 10.a5 a6 11.Ba3 c5 12.bxc6 Nbxc6 13.Nbd2* gave White an edge in D. Howell-E.Can, Dubai 2016*)* 9.b5 c5 10.Ra2 Nf5 11.e3 dxe3 12.fxe3 Be6 13.Nc3 Nd6 14.e4 h6 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Nh4 and White had the more pleasant game thanks to his space advantage in J.Duda-Y. Kuzubov, Brest 2018.]
4.Bb2 This is the main line, and Demuth's main recommendation.
[Others:
a) Demuth gives 4.Qb3 as a backup line. Both Morozevich and Demuth

quickly arrive at the following position: Bg7 (White threatened Nxd4 and this is by far the most constructive way to meet the threat) 5.Nxg5 e5

A) several alternatives are analysed by Morozevich, for example 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 *(7.Ng3 Nf6 8.d3 0-0 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.Bxf6 Rxf6* was played in D.Di Benedetto-D. Kollars, Rome 2016; Black's bishop pair and mobile central pawns provide him with more than sufficient compensation for the sacrificed pawn*)* 7...e4!? 8.Bb2 b6 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Nb3 Bb7 with "a very complex position, which is pretty difficult to evaluate precisely; as is usually said in positions like this: the better player wins";

B) 6.Qg3!? Ne7 7.Ne4! *(7.Ne6 Bxe6 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxe5 Nbc6 10.Qf6* is given by Morozevich as equal, and Demuth continues *Nxb4 11.Na3 Qd7* with unclear play*)* 7...Ng6 8.h4 f5 9.h5 *(9.d3!?* Morozevich*)* 9...fxe4 10.hxg6 h5 11.d3 e3! *(11...Nc6 12.a3 e3 13.fxe3* transposes*)* 12.fxe3 Nc6! 13.a3 transposes Bg4! *(13...dxe3? 14.Nc3 Nd4 15.Ra2 Bg4 16.Qxe3* gives White a clear advantage, as analysed by Demuth*)* . This position is assessed as unclear by Morozevich, who concludes, "The g6-pawn will soon be recaptured and, for the measly price of one pawn, Black has wonderful compensation." Demuth continues the line: 14.e4 Qd7 15.Bg5 Ne7 16.Nd2 Nxg6 17.Nf3 with counterplay.]

[b) 4.Nxg5 e5 5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 was A.Morozevich-J. Christiansen, Moscow 2019, which saw Morozevich fighting against his own weapon at the World Blitz Championships. Black is fine after several moves, I particularly like b6 .]

4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! QUESTION: What compensation does Black claim for the pawn?

ANSWER: Black's strong and mobile centre forces White to play very precisely. The black central pawns restrict White's queenside development (the b2-bishop is stifled and the b1-knight can't develop to c3), with the possibility of advancing with gain of time against the g5-knight.

6.Ne4

[Others:

a) 6.Nf3?! e4 7.Ng1 was chosen in M.O'Cinneide-S.Collins, Kilkenny 2014.

After Nh6 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.Nh3! Nc6 White must now prevent ...Ne5. 11.Qb3 -1.48/23 *(11.0-0∓* -0.61/21 *)* 11...a5! 12.b5? -3.02/24 *(12.a3* -2.57/22 12.0-0 -1.31 *a4!; 12.Nf4∓* -1.26/24 *)* 12...a4-+ 13.Qd1 Ne5 Hoping for ...Bg4. 14.Qc1 Nf3+ 15.Kf1 , instead of my 15...Nh4, Ng4! wins on the spot: 16.exf3 exf3 17.Bxf3 Strongly threatening Nf4. *(17.Nf4 fxg2+* and the light squares are too weak*)* 17...Ne5 18.Ng1 *(18.Bg2 Nd3* is similar*)* 18...Nd3 19.Qc2 Re1+ 20.Kg2 Nb4 and the queen is caught.]

[b) 6.h4 h6! 7.Ne4 f5 led to similar play to the main game in T.Gareyev-Z.Andriasian, Philadelphia 2019.]

6...f5! Black has compensation. **7.Nc5 b6 8.Qa4+** Black has an edge.

[I prefer this to the immediate 8.Nd3

-0.67/21 8.Qa4+ -0.31 (J.Duda-M. Bartel, Warsaw 2018). Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3 23.Be2 Gardon,E (2724)-5. ♘g5 e6 6. ♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2604) Malmö 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] ½-½ (42) Ng5 24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2 Qh3 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6 33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3 Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 36.Ne4 Rxh2 37.Qd1 Rxh1 38.Rxh1 Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42)]

8...Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7

[Morozevich recommends starting with 9...Bb7 0.17/21 9...c5 -0.37 to prevent g3.]

[9...c5!?]

10.h4N -1.06/18

[Alternatives:

a) 10.Na3!? -0.46/20 10.f4 -0.11 is a strong novelty proposed by Demuth. White retains options of play against Black's pawns with f4, e3 and c5 but can castle long at a moment's notice. Play can continue a5 -0.10/23 *(10...e4∓* -0.46/20 is more appropriate. *11.Nf4 c5)* 11.f4!= Nd7 0.24/21 *(11...exf4* is not mentioned by Demuth; *12.0-0-0* leads to a position which is very difficult to assess*; 11...exf4* -0.10/23 deserves consideration. *12.c5 bxc5)* 12.fxe5= Nxe5 13.Nxe5+ Bxe5 14.0-0-0 is given by Demuth, who notes that White has the initiative. The position obviously remains quite wild and all three results are possible.]

[b) No one appears to have tested Morozevich's suggestion 10.g3 Bb7 Prevents Bg2. 11.f3 "with the idea Bh3 and 0-0, after which White somehow manages to develop his pieces." This seems to lead to unclear play after Nd7 12.Bh3 h5 , though White might want to delay castling since after 13.0-0 -1.10/21 *(13.c5∓* -0.57/20 *)* 13...Nf8!? followed by ...Ne6, Black threatens ... h4 with a strong initiative.]

[10.f4= -0.20/21 keeps the balance.]

[10.Qb3 a5 11.b5 Bb7 12.e3 Re8 13.Na3 Ng6 14.h4 a4 15.Qc2 e4 16.h5 exd3 17.hxg6+ hxg6 18.Bxd3 c5 19.0-0-0 Nd7 20.f3 Qg5 21.Rh7 Qxg2 22.exd4 Bxf3 23.dxc5 Ne5 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 Taylor,B (2166)-Hechl,G (2236) ICCF email 2016 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] ½-½ (35)]

10...Bb7 -0.68/22

[10...Re8∓ -1.06/18]

11.e3∓ Re8 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Na3 -1.19/18

[Better is 13.Qb3 -0.83/20]

13...a5∓ aiming for ...axb4. **14.b5** This position is highly non-standard and both players make several mistakes during the following moves. **14...Be4?** -0.29/22

[This square should have been kept for the pawn, e.g. 14...e4! 15.Nf4 -2.57/20 *(15.c5∓* -1.24/20 *exd3 16.Bh5+ Ng6 17.c6 dxe3 18.Qb3+ Kf8 19.cxb7 exd2+ 20.Kxd2)* 15...Nc5-+ 16.Bh5+ Ng6 17.Qc2 Nd3+! 18.Nxd3 exd3 19.Qxd3? -4.05/21 *(19.Qb3* -1.62/19 *)*

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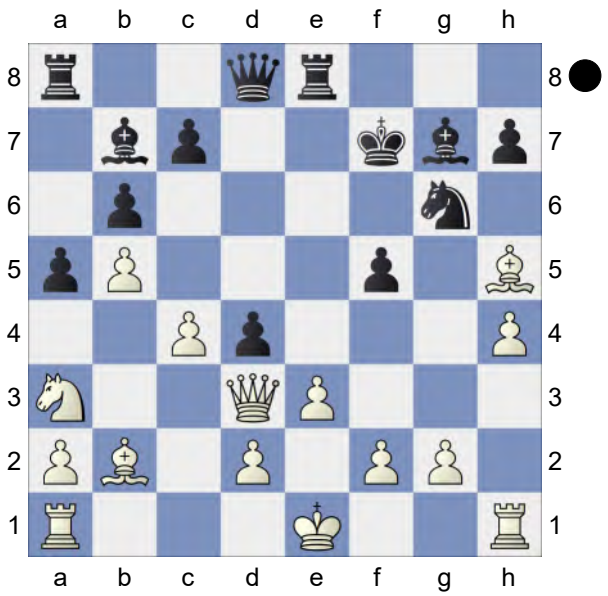


19...dxe3!-+ 20.Qxd8 exf2+ 21.Kxf2 Raxd8 .]
[And not 14...Bxg2 15.Rg1 Be4 16.c5=]
[14...e4!∓ -1.21/22 15.c5 exd3 16.Bh5+ Ng6]

15.exd4? -1.32/22 Opening the e-file, unsurprisingly, is going to hurt White.
[The immediate 15.c5! would have led to unclear play.]
[15.c5!= -0.29/22]

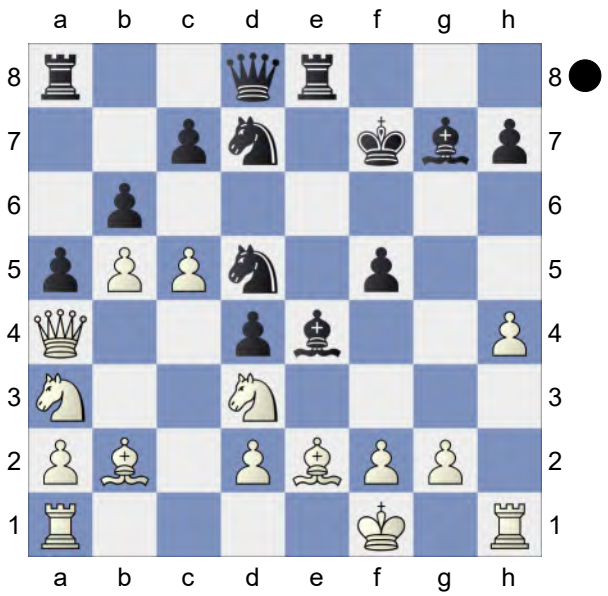
15...exd4 16.c5
[16.0-0-0 was a better try, when Black only has a slight advantage.]

16...Bxd3? -0.53/22
[16...bxc5 was better, with a clear advantage for Black.]
[Stronger than 16...Nxc5 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.0-0-0∓ *(18.Bh5+ Ng6∓)*]
[16...Nd5-+ -1.67/20 And now ...Bxd3 would win. 17.Kf1

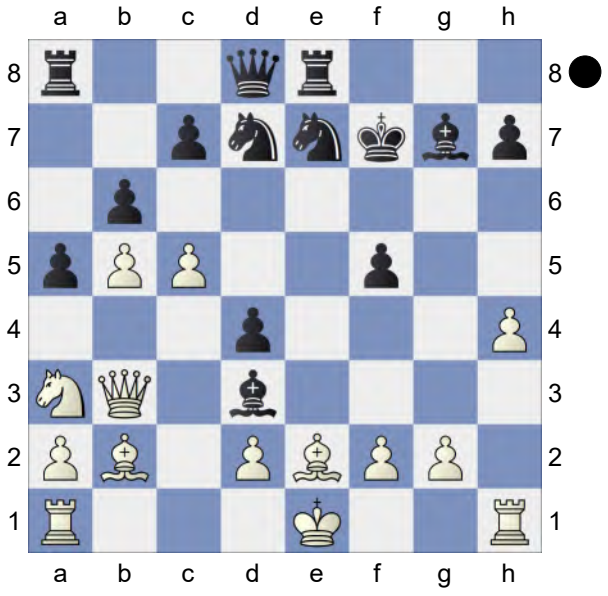
(Diagram)

Bxg2+! 18.Kxg2 Rxe2]

17.Qb3+ -3.19/24
[White had to try 17.Bxd3 , stepping into a dangerous discovered check.



Nd5+ 18.Kf1 Nxc5 19.Qc2 -0.94/23 *(19.Qc4∓ -0.45/23)* 19...Nxd3 -0.55/18 *(* Black should try *19...Qd6∓* -0.94/23 *)* 20.Qxd3∓ Qd7 and Black is better but doesn't appear to have a knockout punch.]
[17.Bxd3∓ -0.53/22 Nxc5 18.Qc4+ Nd5+ 19.Kf1]



The final mistake. This costs White the game. **17...Nd5!** A very elegant solution.

18.Qxd5+
[18.Qxd3 Qe7]

18...Kf8 The board is on fire. **19.0-0-0 Bxe2** Black is clearly winning. **20.Qxf5+ Kg8 21.Rde1 Nxc5** . Material down and facing a decisive attack, White resigned. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

A09

□ **Taylor,Bob** **2166**
■ **Hechl,Gerald** **2236**
W-ch WS/M/597 email 06.08.2016
[Imre, Hera]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 b6 8.Qa4+ This is just seemingly annoying, but rather helpful in the reality, because the king will protect well the g7 bishop from f7. **8...Kf7 9.Nd3 Ne7 10.Qb3**
[10.Na3!? Now my discovery for Black is Ng6N *(10...Re8 11.f4 e4 12.Ne5+; 10...a5 11.f4! Nd7 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5+ Bxe5 14.0-0-0↑* was given by Adrien Demuth in his book, The Modernized Reti (2019).*)* 11.g3 *(11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Nc2 a5 13.b5 c5)* 11...Bb7 12.f3 Rf8 *(12...e4 13.fxe4 Bxe4 14.Rg1 a5)* 13.Bg2 Kg8 14.0-0 *(14.Qb3 Kh8)* 14...f4 15.gxf4 Nxf4 16.Nxf4 Rxf4 17.e3 Rf6 18.Nc2 Rg6 19.exd4 exd4 20.Rae1 Nc6 21.Qb3 d3-+]
[10.h4 Markovitz - Kuzubov, Benasque 2017 a5 11.b5 e4 12.Nf4 Nd7↑]
[10.e3?? e4 11.Nf4 dxe3 Here it is visible that now Black can be thankful for that Qa4 check. 12.Bxg7 exf2+ 13.Kxf2 *(13.Kd1 Kxg7-+* Shuvalov - Shukh, Moscow 2018 *)* 13...Kxg7]
10...a5 11.b5 Bb7
[I see no reason why not to insert 11...a4 12.Qc2 and then even pushing e4 13.Nf4 Ng6 14.Nh5 Be5 15.e3 c5↑ 16.d3 dxe3 17.Bxe5 Nxe5∓ followed by ...Qh4 with an excellent game for Black.]
12.e3 Re8 13.Na3 Ng6 14.h4! The only dynamic alternative to break of the huge passivity. **14...a4 15.Qc2 e4 16.h5!** This intermediate move arrived just in time. **16...exd3**
[16...Nf8 17.Nf4 d3 18.Qc1∞]
17.hxg6+ hxg6 18.Bxd3 White got of the trouble after few exchanges. **18...c5 19.0-0-0 Nd7 20.f3 Qg5**
[20...Ne5 would look a serious candidate to me. 21.exd4 cxd4 22.Kb1 Kg8∞]
21.Rh7 Qxg2 22.exd4 Bxf3
[22...Nf6? was wrong due to 23.Rxg7+! Kxg7 24.d5↑]
23.dxc5 This position is definitely far from a human soul. **23...Ne5 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Bxe5+ Rxe5 26.Qc3 Rae8 27.Re1 Qg3 28.Re3 Kf7** Another quite strange decision.
[Normally the king would seem safer on 28...Kh6 29.Rxe5 *(29.cxb6 Rxe3 30.dxe3 f4!⇄* would be a big difference to the below-mentioned line. *)* 29...Qxe5 30.cxb6 However, the real question is, whose pawns are faster. g5 and here there are couple of entertaining lines: 31.Nc2 *(31.c5 g4 32.Qxe5 Rxe5 33.c6 g3 34.b7 g2 35.b8Q g1Q+ 36.Kc2=)* 31...f4 32.c5 Qxc3 33.dxc3 g4 34.Kd2 g3 One of the rarely seen moments: connected passers scurry forward on both sides. 35.Ne1 Bh1 36.c6 *(36.Be2 Rd8+ 37.Kc1 Re8=)* 36...f3 37.Bf1! g2 38.Bxg2 Bxg2 39.Nxf3

Bxf3 40.b7 Despite of the extra bishop and rook by Black, White is playing for the win still. Kg5 41.Kd3 Kf4 42.Kd4 Rf8 43.Kc5 Ke3 44.Kb6 Kd3 45.c7 Bxb7 46.Kxb7 Kc4□ 47.b6 Kb5 48.c8Q Rxc8 49.Kxc8 Kxb6=]

29.cxb6 Rxe3 30.dxe3 Be4□

Although it sounds amazing, this was the only move to keep the balance.

[30...Rxe3?! 31.Nc2]

[30...f4? 31.c5+-]

31.Nc2 f4 32.Bxe4 Rxe4 33.b7

[On 33.Qd3 f3! could have saved the game for Black.]

33...f3 34.Qd3 f2 35.Kd2

½-½

A09

□ **David,A**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander**
French League 2003
[Cyrus Lakdawala]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.Nxg5

[4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5 6.Nh3 Ne7 7.g3 a5 8.b5 Nd7 9.Ba3 e4 10.Bg2 a4 11.Qd1 d3 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.0-0 Nxc4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.exd3 exd3 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rd8 18.Bc6+ Kf8 Duda,J (2734)-Kuzubov,Y (2606) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (69)]

4...e5 5.Ne4N

[5.d3 Bxb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxg5 7.Bxb4 Nc6 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.g3 e4 10.dxe4 Qxe4 11.f3 Qe7 12.Qb3 Nf6 13.Bg2 Nd7 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qa3 Bf5 16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qxc5 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qe5 19.Qxe5+ Nxe5 Bocharov,D (2583)-Pridorozhni,A (2571) Taganrog 2018 CBM 206 [Imre, Hera] 0-1 (38)]

5...f5 -0.32/23

[5...Bxb4∓ -0.80/19 6.a3 Bf8]

6.e3∓ h5

[6...fxe4 0.40/20 6...h5 -0.40 7.Qh5+ Kd7 8.Qf5+ Ke8 0.61/27 *(8...Ke7=* 0.29/26 *9.Qxe5+ Kf7)* 9.Qxe5+± Kf7! 10.Qxh8]

7.Nc5 Nc6 8.b5 Black is slightly better.

8...Bxc5 9.bxc6 b6 As mentioned previously, Black can also reach this position by castling on move 8. **10.Bb2**

[QUESTION: Is 10.Ba3! a better move for White? ANSWER: 10...Qd6 is playable but probably not better than the move chosen in the game. A logical path is 11.Bxc5! bxc5]

10...Nf6 -0.51/18

[10...Ne7! 11.Be2 -1.98/20 *(11.Na3∓* -0.86/22 *)* 11...Nxc6-+ 12.Bxh5+ Kf8! 13.Bf3 e4 , Black stands slightly better:

1. White has few chances for a kingside attack due to the limited remaining material.

2. Black still has some hope for a win due to White's queenside weakness and hole on b4.]

[10...Be6∓ -0.88/23]

11.exd4 exd4

[11...Bxd4 12.Bxd4 . It is too late to back down with 12...Qxd4? 13.Nc3 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 15.Qe2 . Black wins a pawn and destroys White's pawn structure to boot. Instead, he should play the more reliable 15...Qd4 16.Rc1 Be6! 17.Qe3 Rd8! 18.Be2 f4 19.Qxd4 Rxd4 . White has good play in the form of targets on the kingside. Black can't really hang on to his extra pawn and relies on his rolling pawn centre instead. 20.d3 was a logical alternative. QUESTION: How about

sealing the hole on d5 the way Topalov did in the first game with 20...Ke7 ?
ANSWER: White gets less than nothing if he takes this route. After 21.g3 Rf8]

12.d3! Kf7 0.37/23 Adding pressure to c3 and clearing d8 for a rook.

[12...Rg8 -0.12/22 12...Qd6 -0.51 13.Nd2 Qd6 14.Be2 Rxg2 15.Bxh5+ Kf8! wins. ANSWER: Unfortunately for White, it is too late to bail out with 16.Qe2 Rxh2 17.Rxh2 , since after Qxh2 18.Bf3 Inhibits Qh1+. Be6 his position is hopeless. Hoping for ... Bxc4! Once again the pawn is immune: 19.0-0-0? Re8 20.Rh1 Qf4 21.Qd1! Bb4 . Much as White would love to eliminate the b-pawn, it is poisonous after 22.Kc2?? Bxd2 . ANSWER: The ending is trivial after 23.Ba3+! Kg7! And now ...Bc3 would win. 24.Rg1+ Ng4 25.Bxg4 fxg4 26.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 27.Kxd2]

[12...Qd6

A) QUESTION: Why did Black allow the knight fork? He looks pretty good in the line 13.Be2 a5! 14.Nd2 *(14.Bf3 Ba6* .
ANSWER: This is an interesting psychological moment in the game. The line you demonstrated leads to a probable draw. Grischuk is playing for the win against his lower-rated GM opponent and is willing to take a calculated risk to do so. *15.Qe2+?* just drops material to *Kf8!)* 14...Ba6! 15.Qa4

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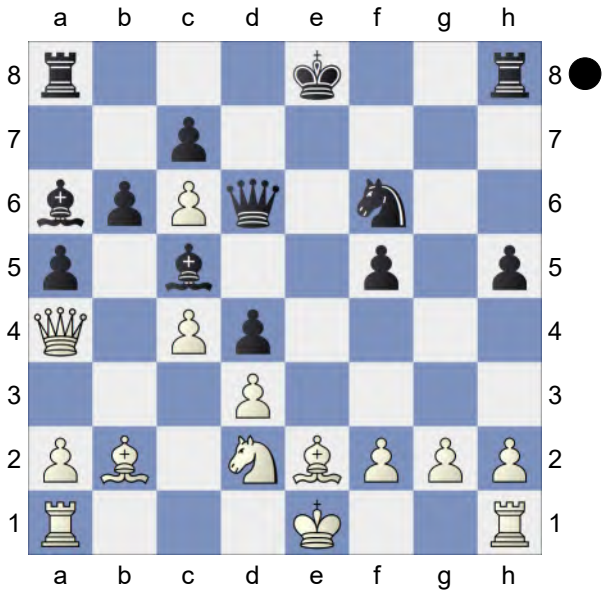
0-0-0! 16.0-0-0 Ng4!;

B) 13.Nd2 with ...Nc3 to follow.



13...a5 *(13...Qxc6* would be similar to the game continuation. Rybka claims an advantage for White in the line *14.Be2! Bb7* ...0-0-0 is the strong threat. *15.Bf3 Qe6+ 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2!* and Black is fighting for the draw since he soon drops his prize b-pawn. *)* 14.Qa4 Ba6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0! 16.h3 Against Ng4 Rhe8 Against Be2]

[But not 12...Bb4+ 13.Nd2±]

[12...Qd6∓ -0.55/22]

13.Be2± Qd6 14.Nd2 QUESTION: White controls more space and is going to pick up the bishop pair. Should Black be worried?
ANSWER: Not yet. Sure, we give White the bishop pair but we also reduce the number of attackers and maybe strengthen our pawn structure around our king. Also, White has plenty to worry about:
1. Holes on d5 and b4, controlled by Black; and
2. A backward d4-pawn which could turn into a target later in the game.

14...Qxc6 15.Nf3

[15.0-0 aiming for Bf3. Qd6! 16.Bc1
A) 16...Ng4 0.65/24 16...Bd7 0.27 17.g3! Bb7 1.00/21 *(17...Bd7± 0.53/22 is more appropriate.)* 18.Bf3;
B) 16...Bd7! A cute unpinning and winning move. Black has too many threats and Rybka claims a forced mate in 12!
Summary:
11 e5 is a reasonable alternative to 11 Bd3, but Black does get more counterplay against this move. Now 17.Nf3 fails to h4 18.Ng5+ Kg7 19.Nh3]
[15.Bf3 0.00/25 15.0-0 0.33 Qe6+ 16.Kf1 Rb8! 17.Nb3! . Once again, bailout attempts fail: 17...Qd6]
[Stronger than 15.f3 h4 16.Nb3 Rg8 17.Nxd4 *(17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.0-0 h3∓)* 17...Qe8∓]

15...Qd6 Against Ne5+ **16.Bc1!?** White gets cute and sets a trap for Black. **16...Bb4+!** Black has seen deeper and deliberately "falls into" White's trap.

17.Bd2 Bb7 18.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 19.Qd2 Qd6 QUESTION: It looks like White just dropped a piece. What am I missing?

20.Ng5+! ANSWER: This trick, which creates a short circuit between the queen on a5 and the bishop on d2, regains the material.

20...Kg7!? 21.0-0 Ng4

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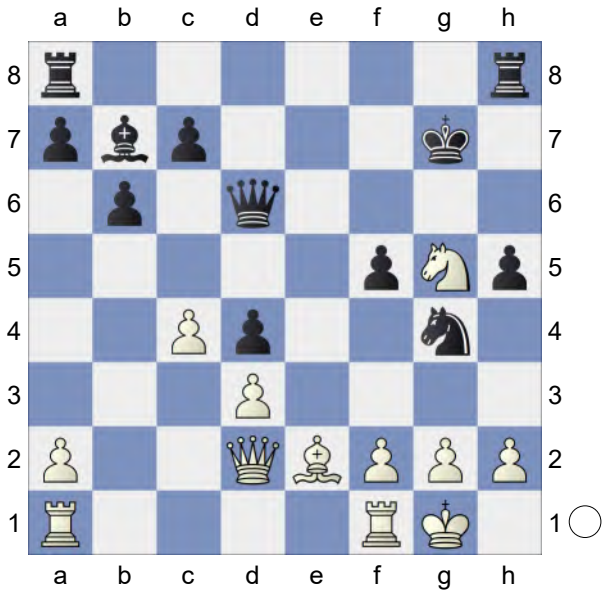
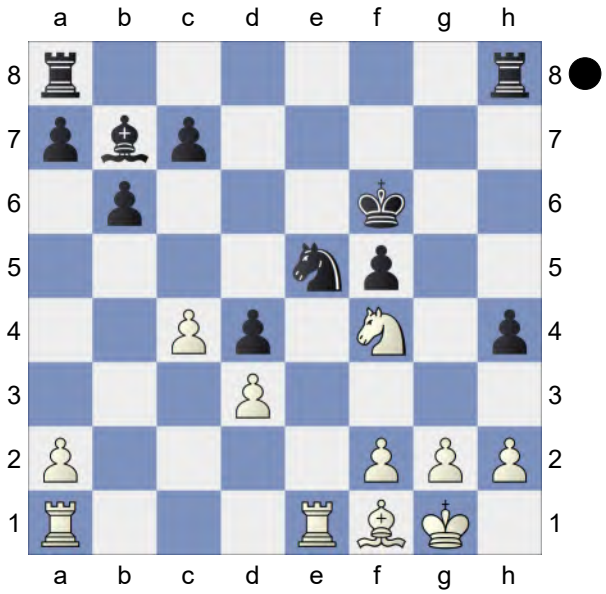


22.Qf4 -0.29/24 **Qxf4= 23.Ne6+ Kf6** Let's assess:
1. Black will win e5 and probably get two pawns for the exchange, a fair deal.
2. The b-pawn surges forward and if White doesn't find a way to win it in the next few moves it could spell big trouble for him.
3. White has ideas of Nd6 which simultaneously hits b7 and f7.
Conclusion: The position looks pretty messy to us humans. However, computers see through the fog and Rybka finds a path to a clear advantage for White.

24.Nxf4 The complexity of the position leads White astray and Grischuk's gamble pays off. It's amazing how often a brave, semi-sound move works in chess. Emerson (not the lead vocalist with Lake and Palmer, I mean the philosopher!) once wrote: "Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen!" **24...h4!→** Securing the b-pawn. On c3 the queen sits at the top of the food chain with no natural predatory threats. White can't find a way to win the pesky pawn and soon finds himself in a state of paralysis.
Black has some attack. **25.Rfe1** Hoping to get something going against Black's king.

25...Ne5 Inhibits Bf3. **26.Bf1** -1.75/24
[White should try 26.a4∓ -0.44/23]



26...Rag8 -1.12/24 The killer b-pawn reminds me of Al Pacino's line from the movie 'Scarface': "Say hello to my little friend!"

[Better is 26...h3!-+ -1.75/24 Threatens to win with ...hxg2. 27.Rxe5 Kxe5]

27.Kh1 -4.65/20

[27.Re2]

[27.Re2∓ -1.12/24 nothing else works.]

27...h3-+ Active counter play! **28.Nd5+ Bxd5** Forcing White on the defensive. The simple threat is ...Nxa4 and ...Nc3.

29.cxd5 hxg2+ 30.Bxg2 EXERCISE (multiple choice): Which move is Black's simplest path to victory? a) 30...Bf4+; b) 30...Nc5; c) 30...Qxd1.

30...Nxd3? Missing an opportunity.

31.Re6+ Kf7 32.Rc6 Nxf2+ 33.Kg1 Ng4! 34.Rxc7+ Kf6! Grischuk finds clever methods of slowly eroding White's pawn cover around his king.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

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A09

☐ **Chapter**

■ **Advance Variation D4**

f) 3.b4 g5

[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5!? This is a super-interesting and inventive idea. It doesn't surprise me that it was first played by the chess genius David Navara in 2011. Since then it gained some popularity, and it should be really considered as a serious weapon for Black. He sacrifices a pawn in order to develop super-quickly, and keep control over the center.

Actually, a strange thing happened to me last summer. I was having lunch with my friends IM's Loiseau and Barbot, and GM Lagarde, and we were talking about the Reti, that I was going to play in my afternoon's game. One of them talked to me about this line with 3...g5, and I told him that I still had to work on this line for my book, but that White should still keep an edge somehow. And on that same afternoon, this is what I got on the board. It took me 20 minutes to decide my next move...

4.Bb2

This was my final choice, and I think it's among the best moves.

[4.Qb3 I really like this practical move.

A) A) 4...g4?! falls into the trap 5.Nxd4! a pattern we already met in the 3. ..Bg4 line: Qxd4 6.Bb2 Qd8 7.Bxh8 f6 8.h3!+-;

B) B) 4...f6 5.e3 e5 6.h3! A complicated position arrives on the board. If we are able to open the center, Black can soon regret

his early pawn advances.;
C) C) 4...Bg7! 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Qg3!?N This can be an annoying surprise for Black. Ne7! 7.Ne4! *(7.Ne6?! Bxe6 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxe5 Nbc6 10.Qf6 Nxb4 11.Na3 Qd7∞)* 7...Ng6 *(7...0-0?! 8.Nf6+ Kh8 9.Qh4 h6 10.Nh5!±; 7...Rg8 8.Qh4 f5 9.Nf6+ Bxf6 10.Qxf6±)* 8.h4 A very tricky position, where Black needs to find the following continuation if he wants to get a decent position: f5! 9.h5 fxe4 10.hxg6 h5! White is a pawn up, but it's easy to understand that a pawn does not matter so much in this kind of position. 11.d3 e3! *(11...Nc6 12.a3 e3 13.fxe3* transposes*)* 12.fxe3 Nc6! That's honestly hard to play for Black. 13.a3 Bg4! *(13...dxe3? 14.Nc3 Nd4 15.Ra2 Bg4 16.Qxe3±)* 14.e4! It's now two extra pawns, but the game is objectively quite complicated and the position is difficult to evaluate. For instance, play may continue Qd7 15.Bg5 Ne7 16.Nd2 Nxg6 17.Nf3⇄;
D) 4...--]

4...Bg7 5.Nxg5 e5! 6.Ne4

[6.h4!?N This is an interesting try, to weaken the g6-square (yes, you will see when the knight arrives on f4, it can be useful! h6! 7.Ne4 f5 8.Nc5
A) A) 8...b6 9.Qa4+!?
A1) 9...c6?! 10.Nd3 e4?! 0.65/21 *(10...a5∓* -0.36/22 *)* 11.Nf4± I told you that h2-h4 could be useful, did I?;
A2) 9...Kf7 10.Nd3 Ne7 11.Na3 c5 12.bxc5 -1.02/19 *(* Better is *12.0-0-0∓* -0.46/20 *)* 12...e4!∓ 13.Nf4±;
B) B) 8...Qe7 -0.21/23 8...Nf6 -0.59 9.e3 a5 10.exd4 exd4+ 11.Be2! axb4 12.Nd3 Nc6 13.a3⇄;
C) Black should try 8...Nf6∓ -0.58/22;
D) 8...-- 0.53/19]

6...f5 Black has compensation. **7.Nc5 Nf6N** -0.08/19

[7...b6 8.Qa4+!? *(8.Nd3 Bb7 9.e3 Qh4 10.exd4 exd4 11.Na3 Ne7 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bc6 14.Qc2 a6 15.f3 0-0 16.Kb1 f4 17.Nc1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfd8 19.Nc2 c5 20.a3 a5 21.b5 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxf3* Gardon,E (2724)-5. ♘g5 e6 6. ♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2604) Malmö 2018 200 Traps In The Opening [Rechel,B] ½-½ (42) *23.Be2 Ng5 24.Nce1 Ng6 25.Nf3 Nxf3 26.Bxf3 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re8 28.Qc2 Qh3 29.Rdf1 Re2 30.Nc1 Re6 31.Nd3 Re2 32.Nc1 Re6 33.Nd3 Rae8 34.Qb3 Re2 35.Nf2 Qh4 36.Ne4 Rxh2 37.Qd1 Rxh1* Duda,J (2724)-Bartel,M (2604) Warsaw POL 2019 [https://lichess.org/@/vikakaz1] ½-½ (42) *)*
A) 8...c6 appeared in Iturrizaga Bonelli, E (2653) – Sulskis, S (2544) Tromso 2014, and I now suggest the following novelty: 9.Nd3!N Ne7 10.e3 -0.63/21 *(10.g3!=* -0.10/21 *)* 10...0-0∓ 11.exd4 exd4 12.Na3±;
B) 8...Kf7 This might be the strongest, but it's quite hard to play such an move. 9.Nd3 Ne7 *(9...c5!?; 9...Bb7 10.e3 Ne7 11.exd4 exd4 12.Na3 Re8 13.0-0-0 Nd7* Podmoskovnie Vechera-Morozevich,A Midnight 126 [Morozevich,Alexander]*)*

10.Na3!?N This is an unusual way to continue our development, but it seems quite logical. We are ready to castle long and to open the files by means of e3, c5 and even f4 in order to disrupt Black's center. For instance, play may continue Re8 *(10...a5* -0.16/19 10...e4 -0.52 *11.f4! Nd7* Threatens to win with ... e4. *12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5+ Bxe5 14.0-0-0↑)* 11.f4 e4 12.Ne5+ Bxe5 0.33/17 *(12...Kf8!=* -0.10/20 *)* 13.fxe5± Ng6 14.c5 Nxe5 15.cxb6 cxb6 16.b5!±]

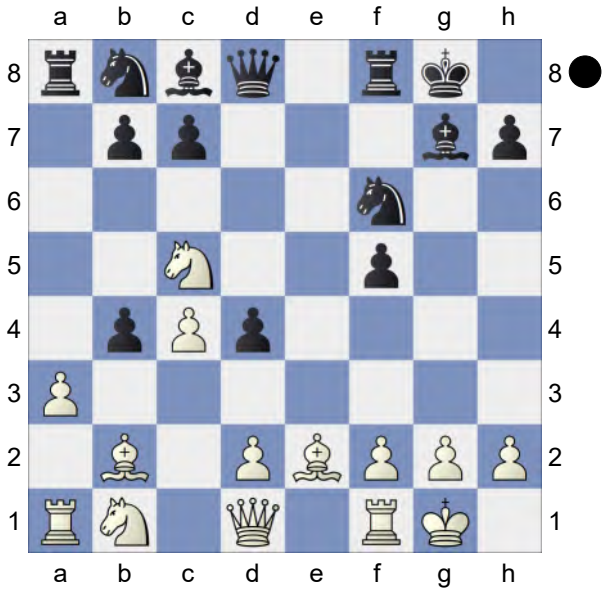
[7...b6∓ -0.39/22 8.Nb3 Bb7]

8.g3!=

Simple and strong. This move prevents any ...b7-b6 ideas.

. The position is equal.

[8.e3 0-0 9.exd4 exd4 10.Be2 a5 ...Ne4 is the strong threat. 11.0-0 -0.51/20 *(11.b5=* -0.12/24 *)* 11...axb4∓ 12.a3 -0.98/23 *(12.Bf3∓* -0.55/24 *)*



12...b6 0.00/27 *(12...Ne4!∓* -0.98/23 *13.Nd3 Be6)* 13.Nb3 And now Bf3 would win. d3 14.Bf3 Ne4∞ was my game Demuth, A (2540) – Midoux, S (2321) Agen 2017. I eventually won the game, despite that we both didn't understand that White is still fine here. So, I consider it was some kind of luck.]

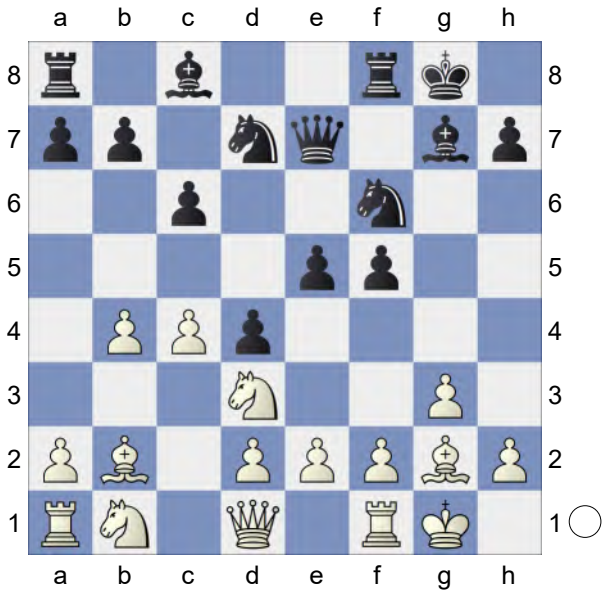
8...Qe7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nd3! Black's center doesn't actually prove to be so impressive, and we keep the possibility to open the files after e2-e3.

10...0-0 0.31/21

[10...h5= -0.01/20]

11.0-0 Threatening e3. **11...c6** 1.02/18

[11...f4= 0.17/20 remains equal.]



12.b5 0.48/24

[12.e3!± 1.02/18]

12...c5 13.e3 Inhibits f4. **13...e4 △14.Nf4± d3** 1.92/22

[Black should play 14...Ne5!± 0.65/21]

15.f3±

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.27 (precise)